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ULTIMATUM EXPIRES TODAY

Nanking Leaders Still Hope For Compromise

REDS' DEMANDS BARED

Nanking, April 19.

Nationalist China's eleven top-ranking leaders met for the second time this afternoon at the Ministry of National Defence to consider the Kuomintang answer to the Communist draft peace terms for which acceptance has been demanded by tomorrow.

No official announcement has been made about the decision of the vital conference which was still continuing at six o'clock tonight (local time) but a reliable source said that they expected Acting President Li Tsung-jen will appeal to the Communists before the time limit expires at midnight, asking them not to cross the Yangtse river and to compromise on their demands.

Reports that he had already taken this action have not been confirmed. The answer is expected to result either in a battle for the Yangtse river or a resumption of the secret peace talks in Peiping.

Reliable sources told Reuter today that if the peace talks fail, President Li Tsung-jen will resign and return to his home province of Kwangsi in South China.

These sources said that most of the eleven leaders attending today's meeting were firmly opposed to according to the Communist demand to cross the Yangtse river.

Two or three leaders who thought that the Government should not object to a Communist crossing after a coalition government has been established, were said to have been decided by other speakers.

The British-owned "North China Daily News" said the Nationalists would temporarily move the seat of the government to Shanghai if Nanking is subjected to armed attack by the Communists.

Quoting what it termed reliable sources, the paper said in the event of a Red attack the capital will be eventually moved further South to Canton.

Chiang's Views

The views of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were unanimously held to be the basis of the Government's policy, which has just returned from a visit to Chikow.

The Legislative Yuan is scheduled to hold a camera session to consider the Communist demands. General Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet will meet before the session so that the Premier can report to the Legislators the Government's decision.

The only optimistic note heard in Nanking today came from the President of the Legislative Yuan, Tung Kuang-hsien. He told legislators at a luncheon that the Communist stand may be relaxed. Tung Kuang-hsien said that Mao Tse-tung had assured Chiang Kai-shek before the departure of the Government peace delegate for Nanking to convey the Reds' demands, that there may still be room for further talks.

The Kuomintang Central Executive Committee said in a statement issued in Canton today that should the Communists cross the Yangtse during the current peace talks, the Government should recall its delegates from Peiping.

In a long statement, the committee suggested that military re-organization should be carried out by the Nationalists and Communists on a basis of equality and should be mutually respected and enforced.

The standing committee pledged their support to Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin in their peace moves.

One report in circulation said that Chiang had already decided on the withdrawal of the entire Shanghai-Nanking garrison Southward.

It is no secret in Nanking that Chiang favours sacrificing the Yangtse line for a stronger last ditch defence in the South.

General Tang En-po's troops are believed sure to put up some kind of opposition to the Reds crossing the Yangtse river. They are expected to fall back on Shanghai, whence some would be

Fighting Continues

Continued fighting, meanwhile, was reported opposite Chinkiang, in an area which may become an important point for a Communist crossing of the Yangtse. An attempt last night by 1,000 Red troops to infiltrate across the river at a point 55 miles North East of Nanking, was said to have been thrown back with heavy Communist casualties.

The Red push would most likely start at Wuhu, 60 air miles South of Nanking, where the Communists are today reported to be concentrating the largest single force of 200,000 crack frontline troops ready to move all the way from Nanking to the mouth of the Yangtse.

Opposed to the Reds in the same stretch of river are an estimated 300,000 Nationalists, survivors of the winter campaigns North of the Yangtse that ended with the Communists' victory and new dictating peace.

The Nationalists have superiority in numbers in riverine troops but the Reds have a considerable edge in reserves—not to mention morale.

Reds' 24 Terms

Chinese Press reports said the Communists' 24 terms are as follows:—

1—A joint statement is to be issued by the Kuomintang and the Reds fixing the responsibility for the civil war.

2—Punishment of war criminals to be modified.

3—War criminals will be punished by the coalition government.

4—Eighteen democratic groups will participate in the coalition government.

5—The Republic of China will be fully known as the Chinese People's Democratic Republic.

6—A new flag will be introduced, combining both the white star against a blue sky and the hammer and sickle.

7—The existing legal codes will be abolished.

8—The present National Assembly, Legislative Yuan, and Central Yuan will be dissolved.

9—The Nationalist armies will remain at their present posts to await reorganisation.

10—The People's Liberation Army will cross the Yangtse at five designated points to supervise reorganisation of the Nationalist armies. (Nanking reports have said the Reds want to cross the Yangtse at 10 points.)

11—The Navy and Air Force will cease operations and transfer their transfer to the coalition government.

12—The properties of the Big Four families will be confiscated. (The Big Four are the Chiangs, Chens, Kungs and Soongs.)

13—The excessive wealth of the super-rich will be confiscated in accordance with the scale to be decided.

14—The properties of large corporations will be dealt with on a decided plan.

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TO REJECT DEMANDS

Nanking, April 19.
A most reliable source told the United Press today that the government last night decided to reject the Communist demand for its virtual surrender.

Competent opinion today presumed the Peiping negotiations would break down tomorrow and civil war resumed again unless the Communists extended their April 20 deadline and tone down their demands.

An official source said the latest information from Peiping contained no indication of modification of the Communist attitude.—United Press.

Popular Elections

5—The coalition government will be formed on May 1.

6—All provincial and district governments will be taken over by the coalition government.

7—The coalition government will have one chairman, two deputy chairmen, nine ministries each with a minister and a deputy minister.

8—The highest policy-making organ will be the Supreme Policy Council, the chairman of which will be nominated by the Communist Party.

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"Spiteful"

Sir,—It has been amazing to many of the English speaking community of the Colony that such a persistent and scurrilous letter writer to the Press as Simple Simon has been granted so much space to vent his spitefulness and broadcast his usually unsubstantiated and generalised charges against responsible public writers and various worthy sections of the community.

Whether this self appointed critic is suffering from a monumental inferiority complex on the status of China or an intense dislike of generally accepted public standards and limitations is difficult to determine, but his constant open or implied abuse coupled with impertinent questioning makes very trying reading and occupies much valuable space and probably constitutes a serious detraction to the prestige of the publishing medium.

May it be suggested that if Simple Simon intends to continue his diatribes that he corrects his descriptive adjective to "Spitful" or qualifies himself, as far as he is able, by writing over his full name and address.

A. MANN.

Editor's Note: It is regretted that Mr. "Simple Simon" Woodhead's controversy has aroused undesirably bitter feelings on both sides. For this reason the correspondence must be regarded as closed.

Freedom Of Speech

Sir,—Excuse me, but because of my love for democracy and fair play, and my hatred for tyrant and bully, I have to butt in again. No tyrant has ever been or will ever be successful in silencing the voice of democracy and there has never been or will ever be a tyrant succeeding in stopping the pen of freedom. Only a congenial idiot therefore will try to be an exception.

All nations and cities, like individuals, each has its own virtues and vices. None ever has a quality of all that is good or bad.

Doo Mo Loo and his friends claim the right to criticise everything Chinese and now resent others claiming the same right to retaliate.

There are two great virtues in my life and soul, "Play the Game" and "Freedom of Speech." When boxing, I was taught not to hit below the belt, not to attack my

Sequel To Car Accident

A traffic accident in Tai Po Road off Monday afternoon in which three persons were injured had a sequel in Mr. Blair Kerr's court at Kowloon yesterday when the driver, Cheung Yick-yam, aged 23, was fined \$250 for dangerous driving.

Cheung's driving licence was ordered to be endorsed and suspended for three months.

Cheung, the driver of private car No. 1004, was driving along Tai Po Road in a slight drizzle. Trying to avoid a pedestrian, he swerved and ran into the hill and the car overturned.

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Pilots Of Tomorrow

John Sherry (left) and David Eggleton (right), aged 17 and 17 years, respectively, learned to fly in four hours at the Far East Flying Training School here. ("China Mail" photo)

TWO YOUTHS FLY SOLO AFTER A FEW LESSONS

Two teen-agers have gone solo after a record low of only four hours of flying instruction at the Far East Flying Training School at Kai Tak.

Berkshire-born David Eggleton, aged 17, and Hong Kong-born John Sherry, 17, must have cut their teeth on aeroplane propellers. They both wanted to fly so badly that they played hooky from school to take lessons. And they were both keen enough students to be able to go solo last Saturday and Sunday after only four hours of dual flight each with an instructor.

Now they must chink up at least another three more hours of practice and pass oral technical examinations before obtaining "A" licences.

"We hope to get them as soon as possible," David told the "China Mail".

Once they carry "A" licences, the two boys can take other people up for a look at Hong Kong, provided no money is involved. David already has found one volunteer passenger—his mother, Mrs. Wm. E. Eggleton. John says he is still looking for someone to take along.

Although David had never flown before he took his first lesson at FEFTS in March this year, he has been interested in flying since the age of six. Reading books on aerodynamics and building model aeroplanes, he has acquired a useful stock of knowledge about flying.

John said he just wanted to fly and had never made much of a hobby of the matter. He began his lessons at the same time as David and went solo last Sunday.

John, at present a student at King George V School, has decided to become a commercial pilot.

Although they are the youngest members of the Flying School, John and David have no intention of letting the matter rest with "A" licences. They are all set to run the gamut of spins, stalls, loops and rolls involved in learning to do stunt-flying. At the rate they learn, it probably will not be very long before they are doing those things too!

THIEF GETS SEVEN YEARS

Man Kai, 28-year-old farmer, was given seven years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Williams, Police Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, after pleading guilty to robbery by two or more.

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Truth-Seeking Newsman Here

Like Diogenes, Mr. Howard J. Brown of the "Chicago Sun Times" has been searching the world for that most elusive of elusives—Truth.

Mr. Brown, whose search has taken him nearly all the way around the world in the past year, arrived in Hong Kong last Saturday. He will be leaving in a few days on his way home by way of Shanghai and Tokyo.

It may or may not be significant, but Mr. Brown told the "China Mail" that he had not sought out Government officials for information during the course of his travels. He has avoided most of the "personalities" so often interviewed and quoted by itinerant newspapermen like himself.

To orientate himself in Hong Kong, the young American writer has been digging into the Colony's old newspaper files. Through research of this kind, he hopes to acquire a fairly substantial background knowledge of political, social and economic conditions which to picture Hong Kong—and all the other places he has visited—for the readers of the "Chicago Sun Times".

A graduate of Princeton University's School of International and Public Affairs, Mr. Brown obtained his Master of Arts degree in Journalism from New York's Columbia University. He regards his present explorations as another educational course, this time in the "University of Life".

The 26-year-old, Chicago-born student of human nature and affairs, has been in almost every country in Europe outside the Iron Curtain. During the war he saw many of them as a U.S. infantryman. His tour for the "Chicago Sun Times", however, has taken him into most of the others.

Asked whether he regarded the Marshall Plan as a success in Europe, Mr. Brown replied thoughtfully:

"It is very difficult to statistically appraise the value of the Marshall Plan, because we cannot measure feelings.

Appreciation

"On the whole, people are appreciative of the efforts the United States is making on their behalf. Along with their gratitude, however, is a feeling that this is charity, we don't want it."

One body of opinion regarded Marshall aid as little more than economic imperialism, he said.

In certain other circles the attitude was that this aid must not only continue, but must be increased. Mr. Brown explained that this attitude seemed to be based on the conviction that the aid was something owing to the United States was exchanging dollars for the blood shed by the people of Europe in the past, at present, and possibly in the future.

He stressed that the feeling was not shared by the majority but was limited to the "elite"—the members of certain intellectual, economic and political cliques.

On his way to the East the writer spent several weeks in Palestine, where he recorded the scene mainly from the Israeli side.

In India, where he spent nine weeks, Mr. Brown asked Prime Minister Pandit Nehru if India were thinking of leading a movement for a Pacific Pact along the same lines as the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Nehru's answer, which has since been widely circulated by news agencies, was in the negative. He said that India was a neutral nation, whose purpose was peace not pacts.

Asked for his opinion of the United Nations, Mr. Brown's Churchillian reply was: "It is no longer a question of liking or disliking the United Nations. It is a matter of supporting that organization to the utmost."

The alternative, he said, was war.

Descending to more mundane levels, the "China Mail" asked Mr. Brown how he liked Hong Kong. Did he concur with the opinion of a recent journalist-visitor that this was "a city without a soul"?

Mr. Brown quirked a heavy black eyebrow. "I didn't know either had souls," he countered. "Anyhow, the writer who made the remark probably didn't have one himself."

VACANT HOUSES ALLOCATED

Four vacant premises, requisitioned by Government on March 11, have been allocated by the Allocation Committee, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

The allocations, submitted by the Committee to the Deputy Colonial Secretary, now await final approval before the premises can be occupied.

It was learned that the Committee spent considerable time going through the large number of applications for housing accommodation. Members have also had to investigate personally the applicants' eligibility.

The Committee completed its discussions last Thursday following which their recommendations were sent to Government for final approval.

When approved, notices will be sent to the successful applicants.

The four requisitioned premises are at No. 50 (ground floor), Village Road, No. 6, Babbington Path, No. 521 (ground floor), Queen's Road West, and No. 69 (ground floor) Jervois Street.

Special watchmen have been stationed at the four premises to prevent entry of unauthorised persons.

PLUMBERS SENTENCED

Four plumbers of the Tai Koo Dockyard who had pleaded guilty to charges of larceny from ship and of possessing dangerous drugs were sentenced at Kowloon yesterday.

Yeung Kau, Chung Cheong and Cheung Tim were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and Lam Yee-chan was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The men had stolen some poisonous drugs from the medical cabin of HMT. Dunera on April 14.

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Further Hearing On Swindle Case

Further hearing on the alleged swindle case involving HK\$20,000 continued at Central yesterday.

The defendants, Yip Fuk-choy, Lee Chung, Tong Man-kin and Yip Ying-ho were charged with conspiracy to cheat and defraud HK\$20,000 from Yau Cheng-hwa in a fake Fan Tan game.

The first defendant, Yip, jumped bail. Mr. Silva is representing the defendants.

Tentatively, Lee Hsin said that he came to Hong Kong from the United States at the end of December, 1946. Soon after his arrival here he engaged selling and buying real estates.

In February last year he bought two houses at Fai Heu Oi, Kow-

loon. Later a man named Fong Fu, together with his friend, approached him and said they wanted to buy the houses.

Mr. Lee asked HK\$70,000 for one house. However they suggested that he should ask HK\$150,000 for the two houses so that they could make HK\$10,000 out of the HK\$150,000.

They said that they were buying the houses for a rich man in the Colony.

After the conversation Lee, Fong and his friend went to the Connaught Road Court. They were joined by the first defendant afterwards.

Lee had a talk with Yip and agreed to reduce the price to HK\$149,000.

Next morning Lee went to the place again to ask them to pay some bargain money to Hastings and Company.

During the meeting they suggested to Mr. Lee that they should form a syndicate to cheat a man named Mr. Kwong, son of the rich man from Singapore.

Lee told them that he never gambled. However, he was asked by them to go the verandah to take an oath of secrecy.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

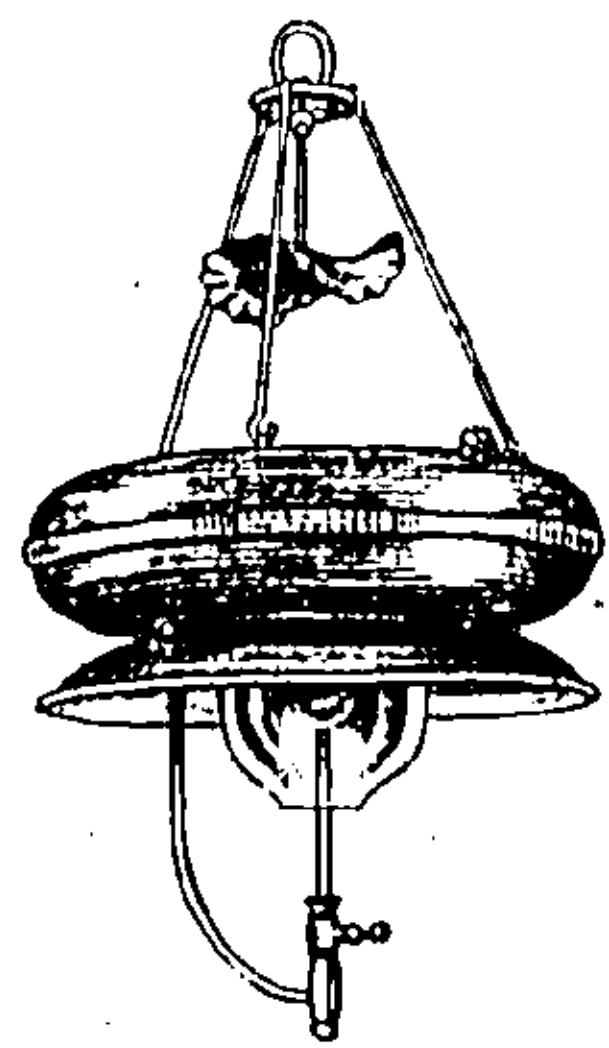
As Chamber's Representative On Legislature

Mr. C. Baker, vice-chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, was unanimously elected yesterday to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council in place of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who is absent from the Colony on leave.

The election was held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday afternoon. There was only one nomination, and Mr. Baker was returned unopposed.

Mr. D. F. Landale, who presided, informed the meeting that the committee of the Chamber was having under consideration a proposal to alter the by-laws so that in the event of further elections to the Council, if there was only one nomination, the formality of an election might be dispensed with.

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Deaths From Tuberculosis

Forty-three deaths from tuberculosis during the week ended April 2 brought the total deaths from the disease since the beginning of the year to 654, according to official figures.

In the same week under review there were three deaths from measles and one each from meningitis and enteric fever. Total deaths from all causes amounted to 270.

Births during the week ended April 2, totalled 863, of which 452 were on the Island, 345 in Kowloon and 66 in the New Territories.

FUNERAL OF MR. MACKENZIE

The funeral of Mr. Alistair Mackenzie, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital after a motor car accident in Wan-chai on Sunday, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

The service was conducted by Reverend G. Stevenson, M.A., of the Union Church.

Messrs. B. Bickford, C. Bark-clay, R. Barker, R. Catton, I. Urquhart and F. Waller, acted as Pall Bearers.

Among those who attended were Miss B. Solomon, Miss M. Williams, G. P. Murphy, Mrs. M. Comfort, P. V. Shaw, R. Fair-bairn, M. McAlpine, J. H. Bot-tumley, C. C. Wong, P. Y. Ma, K. S. Chan, Lee Wing, Y. T. Lee, P. C. Ng, S. K. Jen, T. Cheung, K. Farrow, C. Strange, L. C. Strange, J. F. Anderson, W. F. Jones, Miss I. Ellery, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellery, M. S. Mackay, and A. M. Webster.

Wreaths were received from Lionel Strange, the residents, management and staff of the Sunny Court mess, Betty and Margie, Chris and Stan, Joan Landau MacFarlane, Ruby Ser-vation of the Hong Kong Football Club, A. Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Bottumley, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. W. Patterson, Staff of the Building Ordinance Office, PWD, Angus and Florence, G. Gerrard, A. M. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Taylor, President and members of the Hong Kong Football Club and many others.

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Walsh, Messrs. M. Jolez, Andre Jacques, Rae Smith, and Mrs. Squibb left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Mr. Geoffrey Sewell was among the passengers who disembarked from the Air France plane from Saigon on Sunday.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday included Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. A. Jaynes, Mrs. E. Paulson, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. N. Brodie, Mrs. D. Carpenter, Mrs. J. Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Birns, and Mrs. S. N. Izu, Messrs. A. Kuehnert, S. Rueben, T. C. Han, H. G. Heilmann, D. P. Gupta, and Miss D. Morris.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. Toropovsky, Messrs. A. W. Hamilton Brown, B. H. A. W. Lee, E. Sigaut, G. Saliers, and T. W. Shone.

Commander M. E. Lashmore, Mr. Raymond E. Murry and Mr. John Ding-hua left Hong Kong for Manila yesterday by CFA.

Departures for Shanghai by the S. Shanghai yesterday included Mr. H. G. Jones, Mr. T. I. Allung, Mr. Robert Calder Marshall, Mr. N. G. Beale, Mrs. F. Ginter and Mr. S. V. Elmoff.

Mr. H. Hahn, Mrs. Marie L. M. Duss, Mr. H. H. Hoshi, and Mr. Leo H. Yung were among the passengers who left for Shanghai by Hong Kong Airways on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Toropovsky, Mrs. B. Burkett, Messrs. M. J. A. M. Lister and J. C. Lister left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Mrs. M. Arnold, Miss E. Heav-ton, Miss N. Burney, Messrs. S. M. S. Reuben, V. S. Reuben, Look Mount-hay and Han Yin-vaan left for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. V. E. Ferrier will address the Kowloon Rotary Club tomorrow at the Peninsula Hotel. His subject will be "The Automobile Association of Hong Kong."

Colonel H. L. Anderson, General Traffic Manager for Philippine Airlines, arrived here yesterday from Manila.

Colonel Anderson will leave for Tokyo today for consultations with air officials there.

Mr. Charles Biondi, formerly with the International Air Transportation Association in Singapore, has joined the staff of Philippine Airlines and will become Manager of the company's office in Calcutta.

Mr. Biondi, who arrived in Hong Kong on Monday from Singapore, will be leaving for Calcutta in about a fortnight.

Messrs. J. W. Kay, A. W. Hamilton Brown, R. E. Murray, and C. P. de Rome arrived in the Colony on Monday from Singapore by CFA.

Messrs. C. Austan-Hofer, A. Kemp, K. Bryan, R. Byrne and R. A. Prihoda have left the Colony for Sydney. They travelled by CFA.

FUNERAL OF CHAO PO-UI

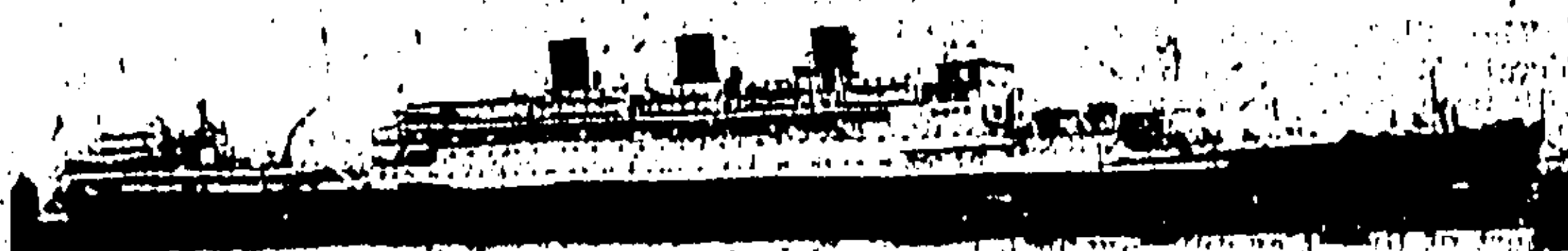
The funeral of Mr. Chao Po-UI, who died after suffering from a fatal heart attack just after the course on April 18, took place at his residence, 19 Seymour Road, yesterday.

He was buried at the Chiu Yuen Cemetery, Pokfulam.

A large gathering of his relatives, friends and business associates attended, and many wreaths were sent.

Mr. Chao was survived by his wife, three daughters and one son.

French Luxury Liner



The 12,620-ton French luxury liner Champollion made another of her rare appearances when she visited the Colony for a few hours yesterday en route from Saigon to Shanghai. The sleek black three-funnel steamer presented a magnificent contrast as she lay alongside Kowloon Wharf beside the white P. and O. transport Dunera to disembark more than 120 passengers. ("China Mail" photo)

Though Gay, Saigon Is A Besieged City

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Saigon, once jewel of the French Far Eastern domain, is a besieged city today, despite its superficial glamour of wine, women and song.

Along the outskirts, a French soldier stakes his life for his motherland every second of the hour. There, dissident Annamite guerrillas conduct a war of nerves, killing ruthlessly with increasing ferocity.

That is the picture of the capital of Indo-China, as presented by arrivals from that city aboard the French luxury liner Champollion, which pulled in to port on Monday and departed after a few hours for Shanghai.

The Champollion brought a contingent of troops, including a large number of Foreign Legionnaires, from Marseilles to Saigon. "Troops come and go regularly, and it looks like the whole thing won't stop for many more months," old residents, including several missionaries, declared.

"We had a taste of it on the very day of our arrival there," a Paris businessman returning to Saigon said. A big fire was raging on the other bank of the Mekong River, known as "No Man's Land." Several houses were gutted.

"The cause was not known, but it might have been sabotage by guerrillas, who probably thought the area was a French military concentration," he added.

The French militia is doing excellent work in maintaining peace and order in the heart of the city.

The hotels, shops and theatres are operating with the proverbial gaiety of "wine, women and song." The normal life of the city is that of serenity and prosperity.

But with the coming of dusk, Saigon begins to feel the pinch of the prolonged civil strife. Staccato bursts of gun fire shattered the cold silence of the night.

It is suicidal to drive around the city at night, though it is within the perimeter of French control.

Residents employ guards when they can afford them. They lock their doors in the evenings—the French, because they are fearful of saboteurs—the Chinese, in terror of both French soldiers and guerrillas.

The Saigon airport, well-guarded around its environs, is a danger spot at night. Vehicles operated by airlines rush passengers at breakneck speed to the planes. This "life-line" has so far maintained a safe record.

"But two American girls were shot some time ago in that area around their vehicle had the American flag," they recalled.

"It's pure luck, you know. Hand grenades are thrown here and there, even in the heart of town."

Reminders

Today

Canton Insurance Office, Limited, annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Tok H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 59, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Literary & Debating Group of European YMCA, talk by Mr. Robert Bruce, 8.45 p.m.

Public hearing of arbitration between H.K. Telephone Co., Ltd., and H.K. Government, SCM Post board room, 10 a.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Cosmo Club, 6 p.m.

King's College Old Boys' Association annual reunion dinner, dance, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on Automobile Association of Hong Kong by Mr. V. E. Ferrier, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Ladies Social Night, at Chinese Bankers' Club, top floor, Bank of East Asia Bldg. 7.30 p.m.

Work On Bathing Pavilion Delayed

The South China Athletic Association have found it necessary to delay the commencement of work on their proposed HK\$200,000 bathing pavilion at Ah Kung Ngam, Shaokwan, pending the result of a fresh petition to Government.

According to Mr. Chan Wing-pak of the South China Athletic Association, his Club has received permission from Government to erect a temporary makeshift structure for use as a bathing pavilion.

Mr. Chan said that his Association has decided to ask Government for permission to erect a semi-concrete structure which would obviate the possibility of any such dangers as fire, typhoon and collapse.

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Ruling On Construction

Government has the right to forbid erection in any part of the Colony of buildings of a different character from those previously existing on the same site, it was officially announced, yesterday.

The statement said that it has been noticed that when ownership of land has changed hands or is about to change hands indication occasionally has been given by the seller or his agent that a certain type of building would be permitted to be constructed.

It was added that the Building Authority has power to refuse its approval of plans of any building which differs in design or character from those in the immediate neighbourhood.

If there is any doubt as to the type of building which will be permitted, the appropriate authority should be consulted before the purchase is made, added the official statement.

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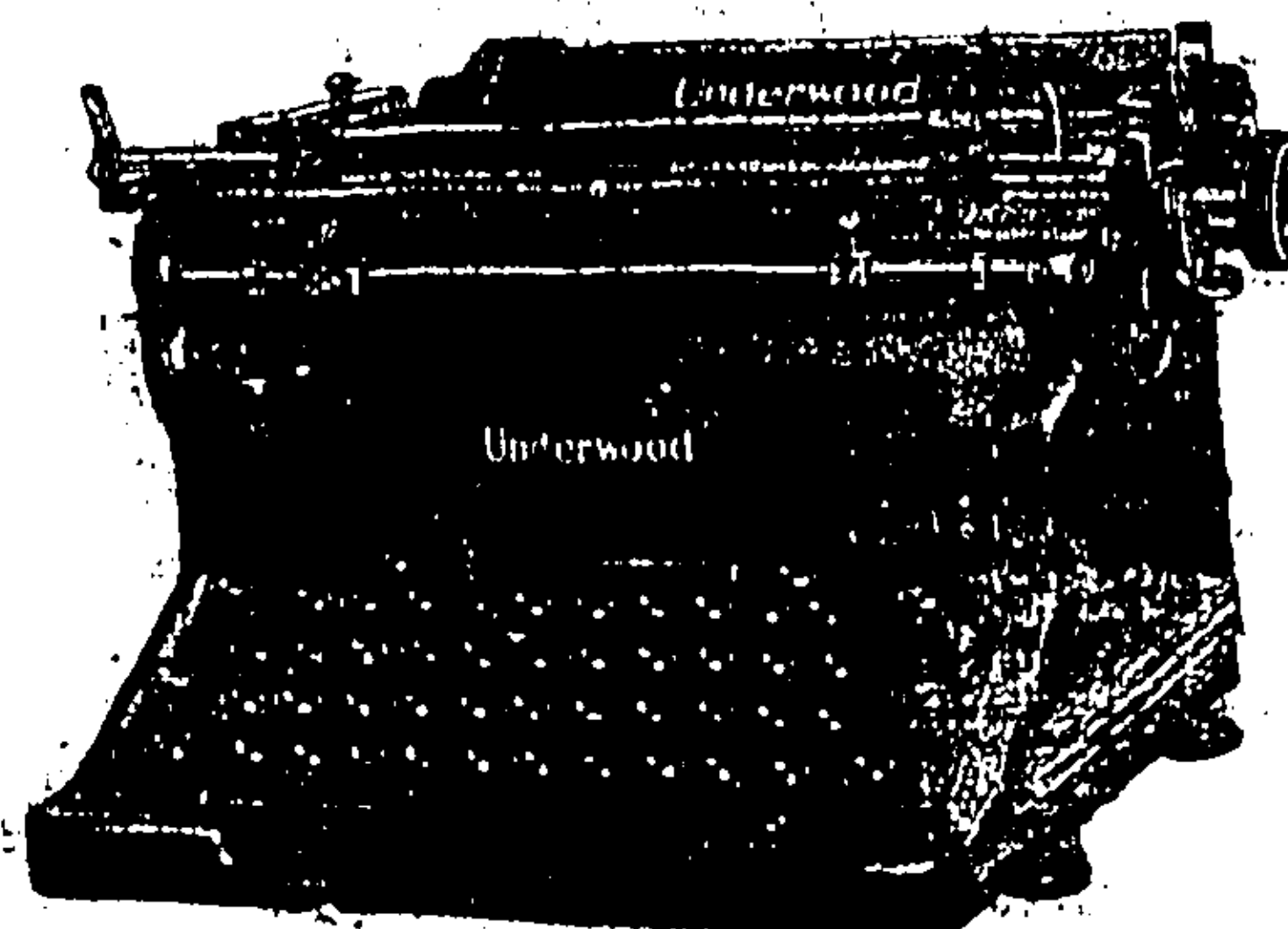
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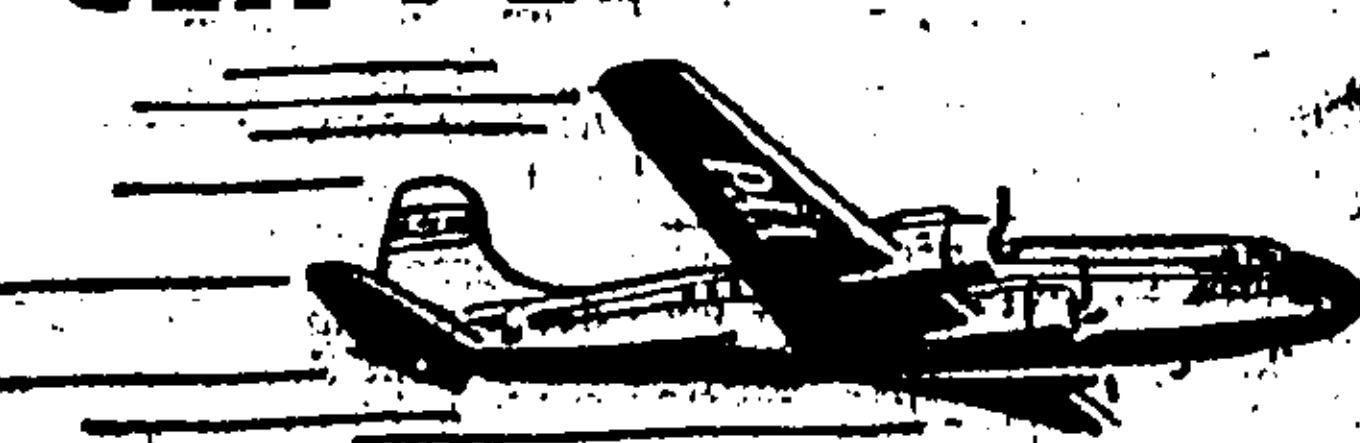
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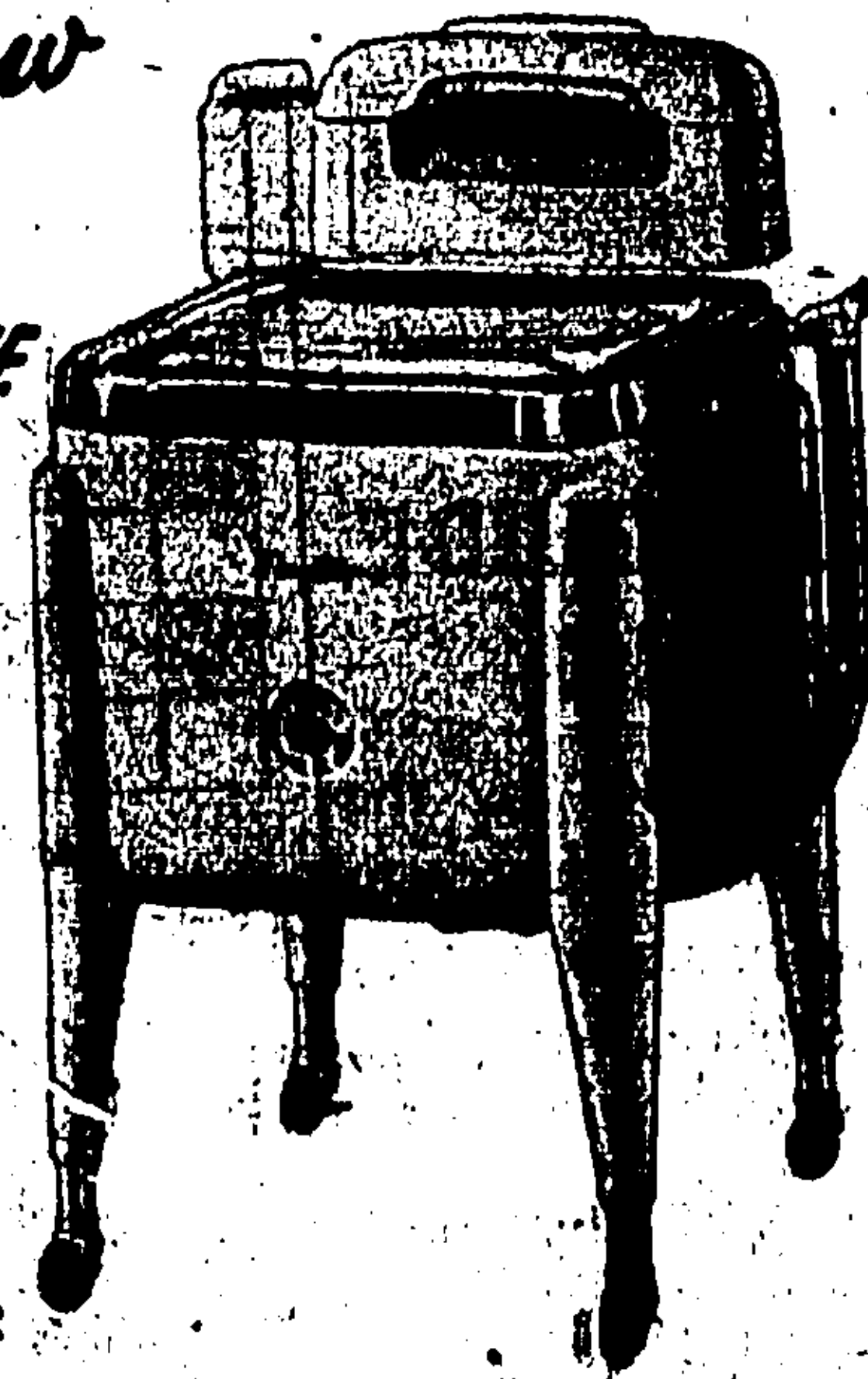
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for the purpose of receiving the
report of the General Agents
together with a Statement of
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Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday,
5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors to-
gether with Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended
31st December, 1948, to sanc-
tion the declaration of a
Dividend and to re-elect
Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 21st April to Thurs-
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A. A. BREMNER,
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of the undersigned, on Monday,
23rd May, 1949, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors, passing
the Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1948, and elect-
ing Directors and Auditors.

Any Member entitled to at-
tend and vote is entitled to
appoint a proxy to attend and
vote instead of him; a proxy
need not also be a Member.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
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1949, inclusive.

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Hong Kong, April 10, 1949.

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known as the Fulbright Act,
and the Joint Anglo-American
Agreement of September 22,
1948 establishing the United
States Educational Commission
in the United Kingdom, travel
grants may be awarded to
citizens of the United King-
dom or Colonies who are go-
ing to America for an academic
or educational purpose, such
as study, research, instruction
or pursuance of other educa-
tional activities at, or in con-
nection with, an American in-
stitution of higher learning.

Travel grants will be
awarded to persons in the
following Categories:—

- Professors (to include full professors, readers, lecturers, post-doctoral research scholars and others with eminent academic qualifications.)
- Teachers (to include only those teachers selected under the existing Anglo-American Teacher Exchange Programme.)
- Students (to include pre-doctoral graduate students and under-graduates.)

During this first year of the
programme preference in the
student category will be given
to graduates, but outstanding
under-graduates will be con-
sidered as well.

It should be noted that only
Six Travel Grants will be
available for Colonial appli-
cants.

The basic criterion for
award of a travel grant is that
the applicant possess a guaran-
tee of dollar support in Ameri-
ca for the proposed period of
his stay, since Fulbright funds
are entirely in sterling and
can provide no funds in
America. Except in the case
of a few eminent academic
figures who will be provided
with First Class passages, all
travel grants will cover only
the cost of Tourist Class re-
turn steamship fare, plus a
small allotment for incidental
expenses.

Application forms are avail-
able in the Education Office,
Windsor House, and should be
completed and returned to
that Office before April 30,
1949.

L. G. MORGAN,
Ag. Director of Education.
April 14, 1949.

NOTICE

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 11 OF 1949.VICTORIA HARBOUR
REMOVAL OF WRECK

An unclaimed and unidenti-
fied wreck, of about 280 feet in
length, has been discovered in
a position approximately 1,500
feet W.N.W. of Lyemun Beacon.

Any person, or persons, who
consider they have a claim to
this vessel should register a
claim, not later than the 25th
of April, 1949, with the Acting
Director of Marine, Marine
Office, Connaught Road, Hong
Kong.

If no claim are forthcoming,
the wreck, which constitutes an
obstruction in the waters of the
Colony, will be removed in ac-
cordance with the provisions of
Section 27 of the Merchant
Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of
1889.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, April 8, 1949.

UNION INSURANCE
SOCIETY OF CANTON,
LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that
the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Society will
be held at the Head Office of
the Society, Union Building,
Hongkong, on Friday, 20th
May, 1949, at 11.30 a.m., to re-
ceive the Directors' Report and
the Statement of Accounts, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Society.

The SHARE TRANSFER
BOOKS of the Society will be
CLOSED from 29th APRIL to
20th MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 20, 1949.

NOTICE

RENEWAL OF BUTTER RATION CARDS

I. When butter rationing started, it was hoped that it
would not be necessary to continue it for long. Supplies
are adequate but are still not plentiful, and rationing con-
tinues to be the fairest way of ensuring an equitable dis-
tribution. There is, however, reason to believe that the
system has been abused in that ration cards belonging to
persons who have left the Colony may still be in use. Partic-
ulars of the number of persons on existing cards are also
in many cases out of date. It has, therefore, been
decided that new cards should be issued. Card holders
will be asked to provide fuller particulars when applying
for new cards than they have been required to do up to
now. For example, details of card holders' passports will
be required to enable the rationing authorities to cancel
their cards when they leave the Colony. For similar reasons
everyone who has reached the age of 16 will have to have
a separate card.

New cards will for the present only be issued to persons
covered by existing butter ration cards.

II. To reduce delay and inconvenience to the public
in obtaining new butter cards, separate dates have been
fixed on an alphabetical basis. Those dates are:—

- Persons whose names begin with the letters A—C . . . 25th-27th April
- “ “ “ “ D—G . . . 28th-30th April
- “ “ “ “ H—K . . . 2nd-4th May
- “ “ “ “ L—N . . . 5th-7th May
- “ “ “ “ O—S . . . 9th-11th May
- “ “ “ “ T—Z . . . 12th-14th May

III. What To Do.

- On the appropriate date, go to the Price Control
Office, Old Urban Council Building, Statue Square,
opposite the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, between
9.30 a.m. and 1.0 p.m. or 2.0 p.m. and 6.0 p.m.
- Take with you (i) your existing ration card,
(ii) all passports held by you and
members of your family.
- At the Price Control Office you will be asked to fill
in application forms for new butter ration cards.
- The new cards will be prepared and handed to you
at once.
- Take the new card to your retailers and register
with them; they will keep the counterfoil attached
to it. The authorised retailers are the Dairy Farm,
Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., and Lane, Crawford
Ltd. They will register customers holding the new
cards only at their main shops in Des Voeux Road,
Central.
- Keep both cards until the date on which the new
card will come into force is announced.

IV. Notes.

- New cards will for the present only be issued to
persons covered by existing butter ration cards.
- As everyone who has reached the age of 16 must
in future have a separate butter ration card, sepa-
rate application forms will be required. But it is
not necessary for each individual to go to the Price
Control Office. A husband, for example, may fill
up application forms on behalf of his wife and chil-
dren provided the necessary documents are produced.
- Children under 16 will be included in their Mothers'
or Fathers' card. Particulars of such children will
therefore be entered on the application form of one
of the parents.
- Persons already covered by block rations issued to
certain hotels and masses will continue to be supplied
in the same way. If you have been able up to now
to get butter at your hotel or mess without an in-
dividual ration card, you do not need one now.

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bles your high contract, he in-
vites you to make one of two
plays against him. The first is a
squeeze and the second a throw-
in. By means of either device
you can often make him virtu-
ally lose away some otherwise
valuable card and enable you to
score a crucial trick with a
smaller one. Often such a play
should be attempted anyway, but
after the double locates certain
probable strength for you, there
is no excuse for failure to plan
along those lines.

S J 0 6 5
H 8 7 5 4 3
D 10 9 7
C 4
S 10 7 3 2
H A 9 6
D A K J
C 9 8
S A K Q
H K 2
D Q 5 4 3
C 2
S 8 4
H Q J 10
D 8
C K J 10 8 7 5 3
(Dealer: South. Both sides vul-
nerable).

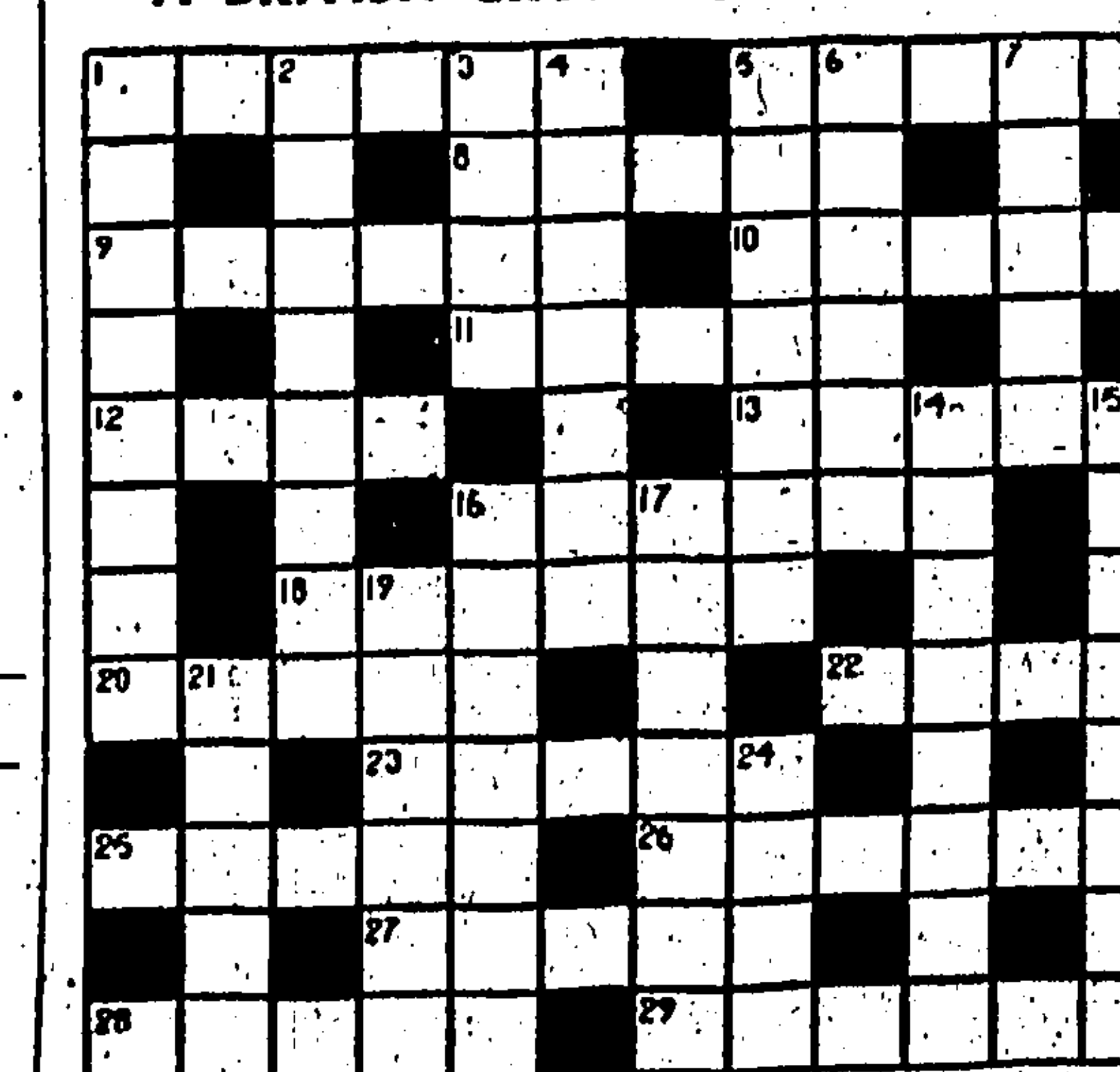
South West North East
Pass 1 D Pass 6 NT
Dbl
What a terrific jump by East!
That kind of bidding may not
seem as precise as some other
procedures, but it does have a
very special value of its own. It
keeps the opponents in the dark
regarding your side's specific
holdings and may cause them to
misplay their defence, whereas
more thorough revealing of de-
tails may tell them how to beat
you.
South naturally opened his
heart Q. The declarer, after not-
ing his situation, realised he had
a choice between a squeeze and
a throw-in to thwart South. As it
developed, the squeeze would
have required South's co-opera-
tion, whereas the lead-thrower
would not.
Winning the first trick with
the heart K, East ran five dia-
monds and three spades. If the
latter suit had broken evenly,
the thirteener would have been
all he needed. But it did not.
So next he led to the heart A
and brought back the heart Q,
which he knew South could win.
The latter was then obliged to lead
from his club K-J into the A-Q
to give declarer the last two
tricks.
If you puzzle out the squeeze
play, based on giving up the
second trick with a club, you
will see that South could wreck
it by returning a heart to remove
the A from dummy as a needed
entry during the squeeze.
Any other return by South
would have been salubrious, but
only a very poor player would
have done anything else, no mat-
ter what he held.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A K J 8 2
H Q
D 8 7
C A Q 9 7 6
S 9 5 3
H 10 5 4
D 9 5
C K J 8
C 4 2
S Q 6 4
H A J 9 3 2
D A K 2
C 10 5
S 10 7
H 10 5 4
D 9 5
C K J 8
C 4 2

(Dealer: South. North-South
vulnerable).
How should South seek an ex-
tra at 6-NT Trumps following the
spade 10 lead?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- Zeal.
- Attain.
- Staircase column.
- Rural.
- Essential.
- Pick-me-up.
- Invalid.
- Vision.
- Expunge.
- Frightened.
- Boothayers.
- Give up.
- Book of maps.
- Battion.
- Vehement speech.
- Went wrong.
- Uncanny.
- Choose.

Down

- Sets in order.
- Reveal.
- One.
- Get better.
- Amended.
- Bring to light.
- Collation.
- Produce.
- Apartment house.
- Coward.
- Ambassadors.
- Shell-hole.
- Dodge.
- Surface.

Rito, 29. Averted, 30. Lone, 31.
Crown, 32. Shift, 33. Kyrat, 34.
Trust, 35. Meet, 36. Diva, 37. Mene,
11. Cover, 12. Harp, 13. Will, 14. Opine,
17. Spar, 18. Daff, 20. Emerald, 22.
Live, 24. Wanes, 25. Tepid, 27. Idol,
28. Klan.

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STASSEN REITERATES HIS PLAN FOR ASIA

Philadelphia, April 19.

Harold E. Stassen yesterday again urged a "MacArthur Plan" for Asia to match the Marshall Plan in Europe.

The former Governor of Minnesota, now President of the University of Pennsylvania, set forth his plan in a letter to the "Evening Bulletin."

He said he wants to make clear that his speech in Boston earlier this month was not to urge aid solely for China, but for all of Asia.

The Republican leader indicated that he thinks many persons may have misinterpreted his Boston address.

In his letter Mr. Stassen wrote: "The actions of our Government in Asia since the end of the war have been contrary to the judgment, the advice and the counsel of the overwhelming majority of the best informed, impartial students of the world."

Mr. Stassen said the European Recovery Programme for Europe fostered by the former Secretary of State, George Marshall, is "the most significant single thing we have done since the end of the war."

He added: "The failure to have a similar co-ordinated, elementary approach toward Asia has been our most tragic failure since the end of the war."

"Asia is different and therefore it cannot be a direct counterpart of the Marshall Plan," he said. "That is why I suggested the name 'MacArthur Plan'—to use the appealing, respected name of that great hero as the label by which the unfolding, evolving,

developing American approach to Asia may be carried to the many peoples and many lands of that vast section of the world."

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U.S. Military Withdrawal From Korea

Washington, April 18.

The State Department today said that discussions are under way for the removal of American troops from Korea.

Negotiations are being held at Seoul, the capital of the new Korean Republic. However, withdrawal, if agreed upon, will not take place for several months.—United Press.

KILLER'S WIDOW HAS TRIPLETS

Montreal, April 18.

Mrs. Noel Cloutier, widow of a gunman hanged on March 11 for the murder of two policemen, gave birth to triplets today.

Cloutier was executed despite pleas for a stay of execution because of his wife's pregnancy. One other man was also hanged for the murders, committed during an attempted bank hold-up. A third man is under sentence of death.—Reuter.

American Policy In Asia Attacked

Washington, April 18.

Republican Senator, Karl Mundt, condemning the State Department for doing nothing to stem the Communist tide in Asia, tonight called for a re-definition of United States foreign policy along positive, consistent lines.

Recalling his support last year as House Foreign Affairs Committee member of the initial Marshall Plan, Senator Mundt said he had lost some of his enthusiasm.

The plan was originally designed to assist countries anywhere in the world in their fight against Communism, but that objective had been "stricken" as a result of "inaction on the part of the executive."

"No assistance is now being extended to China," said Senator Mundt. "Asia apparently has been marked off as a lost cause."

Half the people of this globe are being left to shift for themselves and seem about to fall into the clutches of Communism.

"Against this awful possibility and this imminent prospect, our State Department not only frowns on efforts by Congress to extend some help to avert this calamity, positively, eloquently and com-

pletely nothing—as an alternative programme with any prospect for success."

As a result, Senator Mundt said, half the world is collapsing while the U.S. tries to stem the tide of Communism by building a higher, broader and more expensive dyke on one side of the river while leaving the Red waters to rush in to flood the plains of Asia.

That is a devastating and discouraging prospect, he added. "United States' foreign policy must be clarified and must be made 'positive, consistent, inclusive, effective and understandable—and, above all, a realistic foreign policy which will resist evil where it finds it and which will realize that the world cannot be half bad and half good without bringing ruin to the whole."—United Press.

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ECONOMY OF CHINA IS COMMUNIST TARGET

New York, April 18.

"The Chinese Communist political programme is the counterpart of a long-declared Communist military programme," says the "New York Times" in an editorial on the China situation. "The objective of this programme," it says, "is not to defeat the Nanking Government but to destroy it."

"The target is not the troops of Chiang Kai-shek but the whole economy of China."

Discussing the United States "misguided" efforts in a "well-meant but often blundering policy" of attempting to bring about reform in China, the "Times" said: "United States' zeal has prompted our flustering in a policy that has contributed to the republic's threatened extinction."

The editorial added: "What we can hope for now is that in all China a readily understandable wish for peace will not entirely overcome the will to be free."

FOREIGNERS IN JAPAN

Washington, April 18.

The 11-nation Far Eastern Commission has extended for nine months the time permitted foreigners to study Japanese technical and scientific information.

The ruling gives technical missions the right to stay in Japan until December 31 to complete their investigations. Previously they had been due to leave on March 31.—Associated Press.

Small Chance

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County Cricket Inadequacies

by Don Bradman



In my visits to England I have always been disappointed by the inadequacy of county cricket grounds.

Accommodation and facilities for the public still lag behind the popularity of the game, while players' dressing-room arrangements are far below reasonable standards.

I know it will be argued that today English cricket authorities cannot get permission to build, but this was not so before the war, and accommodation was inadequate long before 1939.

It is an anomaly that in Australia we can seat more than 70,000 at a Test match at Melbourne, whereas Lord's, in a metropolis about six times the size, will hold only about half as many spectators. This at the game's accepted headquarters!

I know it is an important consideration that in Australia the same grounds are used in the winter for football, which provides much-needed finance. But Australia built more stands because it was felt they would increase the popularity of sport; people would know they could get a seat, and we would thus secure their attendance. And we have been proved right in practice.

I believe I am correct in saying that at every Test match played at Lord's in my time, thousands of people, at some stage or other of the game, failed to get into the ground.

I hear there is a programme afoot to enlarge the accommodation as soon as possible. I hope this is correct.

At Manchester I was pleased to hear of the ambitious £100,000 scheme to rebuild Old Trafford on modern lines. I wish them luck, and trust Lord's and other Test grounds can soon be extended in a similar way.

Women Welcome

People will give up trying to see cricket if the accommodation and facilities are not there. Even now many must stay away because of the queues, and the doubt about getting in, and the crowded conditions once inside.

One English friend went so far as to say: "There are so many cricket lovers crowded out that women ought not to be admitted to Test matches. I would not like to suggest that in Australia, where women are such a welcome feature of our crowds."

Now, of course, do I in any way sympathise with the idea for England. I have mentioned it only as showing how crowd problems are pressing on cricket authorities in England.

Another important part of the attraction of any public pastime is the provision of information concerning the performers and the play. That is why footballers are numbered.

People still write letters to the British Press suggesting numbers on cricketers. That is unnecessary. I would not like to see England follow the Australian system in catering for crowds.

I would like to see adopted at least at the principal English grounds, the Australian idea of modern informative scoreboards. English scoreboards give the minimum information; Australian indicators give it all.

For instance, in Australia the fielders' names are on the board, and a light flashes against a man's name when he fields the ball. That is unheard of in England—and so is our system of recording, run-by-run, a bowler's analysis.

In Australia the names of all batsmen out are given with their scores and the total at the fall of wickets. In England this information is restricted to the man whose wicket has last fallen. Furthermore, sundries—"extras"—to Englishmen—are never shown on English scoreboards.

England's alternative to the Australian scoreboard is the continuous issue of cards on which all this information is set out. When I discussed this with a county club official he pointed out that a comprehensive scoreboard would render score cards unnecessary, and revenue from their sale would be lost.

Tactical Upset

In disagree. More people would attend cricket matches, happy in the knowledge that they could

ther they will or not swear allegiance to the Crown. This may seem like the end to the diarchy, but it may on the contrary be only the beginning.

follow the game easily. I cannot prove this by figures, but I am certain it will be so popular that it would justify the cost of erecting modern scoreboards.

The late Hedley Verity—lovable friend—once said: "The only thing those Australian scoreboards don't do is tell you how to get 'em out." Not that Hedley needed any help.

In the centre of the Australian scoreboard, too, is shown the number of overs bowled, over by over. In England, there is the antiquated method of signalling the approach of the new ball by displaying coloured discs.

During one Test match this year someone forgot to put up the disc—greatly to my discomfort, not to say disadvantage, as captain of the fielding side. It completely upset my tactical use of the bowlers.

At another ground the scorers' box was on the opposite side to the scoreboard. Therefore, when the discs went up they were not on the scorers' box. As I was watching the game I did not find out where the disc were until two overs before I could take the new ball; and I took ahead a bit more than that.

Then there is the question of light-screens. It is a great pity they are not uniformly used on all English grounds, not because they mean so much to the batsman in the sense that he will get more runs, but because without them there is serious risk of a man being injured by fast bowling.

'Lost' Ball

At Nottingham we had great trouble this year, particularly from the pavilion end. We had similar difficulty at the Oval against Surrey, and in the Test at Leeds it was very hard to see the ball against the background of the crowd.

Remember, also, the changing conditions during the day. At Leeds the most trying period was before tea, when the sun was shining brightly.

In the background, for the batsman, was a mass of people with their coats off and it was most difficult to pick up the flight of the ball against that mingled picture of white shirts and darker trousers.

More than once a batsman who was hit or nearly hit by the ball told me afterwards that he lost sight of it against the background.

In Australia there is not a ground in first-class cricket without a light screen at each end. Financial considerations should not be allowed to interfere with the best possible conditions for players, especially when these Anglo-Australian games rank as the highest grade of cricket.

Then there are the interminable delays in England caused by people walking behind the bowler. This cannot happen in Australia where the ovals are always enclosed by a fence, with the sight screen inside the fence.

Good conditions for players help to improve things all round and prevent misunderstandings in the crowd.

The general belief in England that barracking in Australia is vicious and objectionable is really unfounded.

Caustic Comments

The wit may be caustic sometimes, as in the case of the man said to have sung out on the late and much-esteemed J. W. H. T. Douglas: "Go on at the other end, Johnnie, and look at your analysis!" But my experience is that, by and large, it is not too caustic.

All told, I think we Australians suffer quite as much at the hands of the English public as English players do in Australia; perhaps more.

I am quite certain barracking

has not increased in Australia; if it has changed at all, it has declined.

In England things seem to me to have become a bit more vocal, and I rather doubt whether the public is so well versed in the game as in pre-war days. That is probably due to war-time interruption of first-class cricket.

There is a new generation watching the game and sometimes the young chap of 22 or thereabouts is seeing first-class cricket for the first time. He does not, therefore, make so good an audience as the boy who has grown up with the game.

But this loss of opportunity—with its consequent lack of knowledge—will automatically adjust itself as the years go by.

The Australian public, for reasons which I will explain in a later article, is better educated in the finer points of play.

And here, on a personal note, let me say that I have had recollections from the public which I shall remember all my days. They have swept aside any and all annoyances. I go with of fannels with the fondest thoughts of crowds at home and on tour.

At Leeds, in particular, the spontaneous and enthusiastic welcome on my last visit to the arena brought a lump to my throat.

Leaving the crowd and returning to the game itself, I was often asked in England: "Why are there so few fast bowlers? Why is England so short of them compared with Australia? What can be done about it?"

If you look through cricket history you will find it goes in cycles. A country is strong at one period in a particular phase of the game, and at another period that strength disappears and something else takes its place.

For instance, Australia was on top in 1920-21 with J. M. Gregory and Ted Macdonald as the great fast bowlers, while England had no outstanding men of pace.

By 1926, however, the tide had turned. Harold Larwood was just coming into big cricket and the other men were on the way out. In 1928-29, when Gregory broke down, Larwood became established as the fastest bowler in the game. He remained so until he retired.

Aussie Pioneers

After that there was not much in it until 1938. England had Ken Farnes and G. O. Allen, while we had Tim Wall and Ernie McCormick.

Now we come to 1948, and it so happens that we have a very good fast bowler in Ray Lindwall, which seems to me only another turn in the cycle.

I cannot tell you why England has no fast bowler, and I do not think there is any particular reason for it. I only know it is certain that England will have one again.

It may be interesting to mention here that we in Australia are the pioneers of the eight-ball over, which we claim to be a great improvement on the six-ball system.

The eight-ball over was experimented with in England and M.C.C. decided against its use. I know one reason advanced was that it discouraged fast bowlers. But the whole argument falls to the ground as we produce a magnificent fast bowler with the eight-ball over whereas with the six-ball over there is no sign of one in England.

In a hotter climate and on harder wickets we still have the eight-ball over. That shows you what we think of it. We take the view that the eight-ball over brightens cricket by decreasing the number of intervals. Even if the fast bowlers don't, I am sure the slow bowlers pump for it.

Cricket is not conducted for the benefit of one particular class of bowler, and the final analysis

should be to decide which is sounder for the players and more attractive for the spectators. I am still of the opinion that the eight-ball over is preferred by the public.

Maybe the shortage of fast bowlers in England is due to the wear and tear of the long County Championship programme. But English cricket has always produced a fair proportion of fast bowlers in the past, and I see no reason why it should not do so in the future.

It has been suggested that English wickets have been slowed down too much; that this has broken the hearts of fast bowlers, and discouraged their art.

But, in the main, wickets on our last tour were more helpful to fast bowlers than they were before the war.

Tom Fritchard, the New Zealander who plays for Warwickshire, took about the highest number of wickets in county cricket in 1948. He is the fastest bowler playing regular county cricket, but is not fast by Lindwall standards.

Seeing we had the fastest attack all round last summer this refutes the suggestion that Test wickets are made to suit the home team. A bowler has either the ability to bowl faster than the other fellow or he has not. There is no logical reason, that I know, why Lindwall can bowl faster than Alec Bedner.

What I do know is that there is no short cut to success. Charlie Grimmett had to peg away for years, first in New Zealand, then in Australia, and change his style considerably before he became the wonderful slow bowler, who could still, in the veteran stage, peg away until he dropped.

Wilfred Rhodes, they say, bowled as a youth for hours on end in a barn.

Our Bill O'Reilly travelled the hard road to fame, too. His grip of the ball was rather out of the ordinary, and when he was in danger of failing to make the grade he was urged to alter it; but he stuck to his guns and, as the result of his own natural genius, became the greatest bowler of his time.

A cricketer need not be orthodox. Individuality should be encouraged.

No Short Cut

Most great players have had to practise and practise. In modern cricket there is a tendency to run away from hard work.

If a chap thinks he can put in 10 minutes at the nets and become a Test batsman he has another thing coming. Equally, the boy who is a bowler must go to the nets and bowl for hours on end if he is to make a name. Only by such practice and study of technique and tactics will cricket see the development of future stars.

There is not much scope now for new methods. So far as I know, every basic method of utilising a cricket ball has been employed. You can spin it only from left to right, right to left, with overspin or back-spin.

However, there are always players coming along who do something with the ball which is a variation of something done before. Their method is a little different and tends to be more effective because it is new and batsmen have not become accustomed to it.

No, there is no short cut to Test cricket, as my own experiences will show. But this I will say: The road to big cricket has been painstakingly trodden through the years by a long line of famous players—back to, and beyond, W. G. Grace, the meaning of whose centenary celebrations was not lost on the Australians.

No game, probably, has been so richly served by glorious players. What a chance there is for the youngsters who will take the trouble to benefit by their discoveries!



The job of the Commonwealth Premier is to prove to India that the Raj you know is better than the Mirage you imagine.

So the Golden Curtain has at last fallen over Hong Kong.

Seems there are lots of fireworks going off around the Bonn fire.

The plane "Sunkist Lady" has been aloft for more than a month. Must be pretty well browned off by now.

The cold war nations are now going to get busy on Antarctica. Enough to make a lot of blue whales blubber.

"Heroin is one of the manifestations of the superiority of the socialist system of economy over the capitalist," says Pravda. Either the typesetter or Russia's "Truth" is a bit dozy.

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The Communists have now set a deadline for cutting the KMT lifeline.

Sometimes when you see a VIP arriving by BOAC it's a Very Important Prisoner.

Man ate 223 aspirin tablets and was soon exsplan.

"Optimism is raising its pretty little head here and there in the American business world."—A.P. Must be the Pax Factor affecting it.

"Do swans fly across country. If so, how far?—Ignorant."

"Yes, the distance depends on where they are going.—Editor."

"The Scottish Farmer" For long journeys, of course, they start farther away.

A citizen complains that on arriving home after being held up by the police for a minor motoring offence, he found that his house had been entered by robbers, who took everything he had. Except his name, of course, which he had luckily left with the police.



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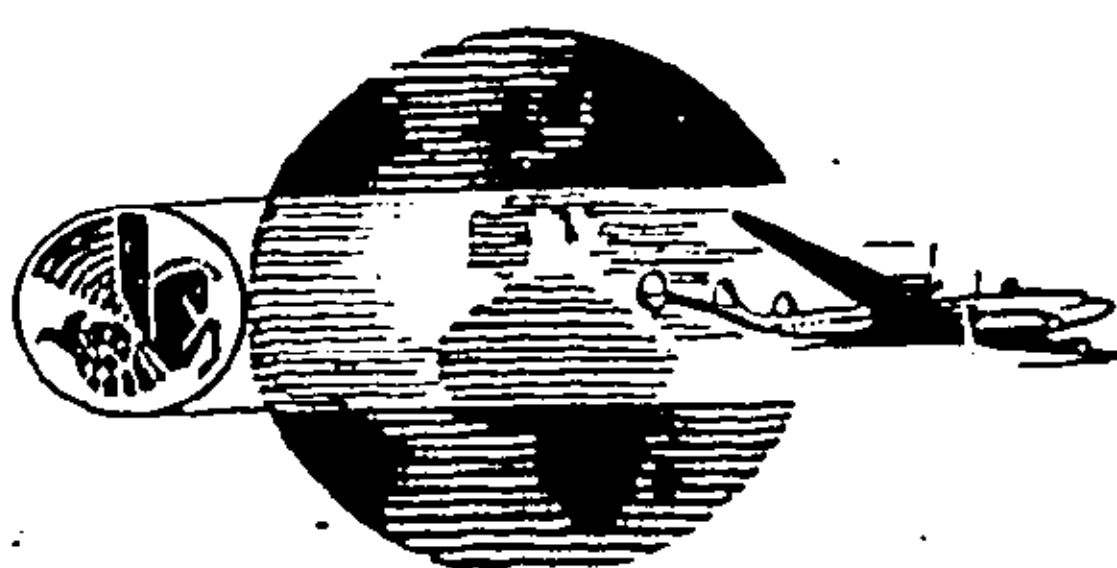
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WEST REFUSES TALKS ON BERLIN COLD WAR

Lifting Of Blockade First Prerequisite RUSSIAN ENVOY TO U.S.

Berlin, April 18.

According to informed British and American quarters here, Russian approaches to American diplomats in Washington last week suggesting fresh discussions of a Berlin settlement have met a definite refusal of negotiations on any aspect of the German question until the blockade is lifted.

The Americans told the Russian diplomats that this view is shared by the British and French. They also asked for further details of the Russian suggestions.

When no details were immediately forthcoming they refused to discuss the matter further, these sources said.

The sources attach little importance to rumours which have been current here for the last two or three days that the Russians are manoeuvring for a suitable position in which to lift the Berlin blockade.

The only move that can alter the present situation, according to these sources, is a direct Soviet offer to lift the blockade and discuss the German question on a four-Power basis.

Western Allied political officials are therefore interested in reports that the Soviet Government has sent a special envoy to Washington.

British and American intelligence staffs have followed carefully the moves of this envoy, who is reported to be General Malin, during the past few weeks.

He is said to have spent some time in Paris studying European reaction to the Berlin dispute, later coming to Berlin to confer with German politicians and Soviet Military Government officials.

Blockade's Failure

He cannot fail to realize, these sources said, that the success of the airlift has provided the complete answer to any Soviet policy to drive the Western Powers out of the city.

Manoeuvres By U.S. Army In Germany

Nuremberg, April 18.

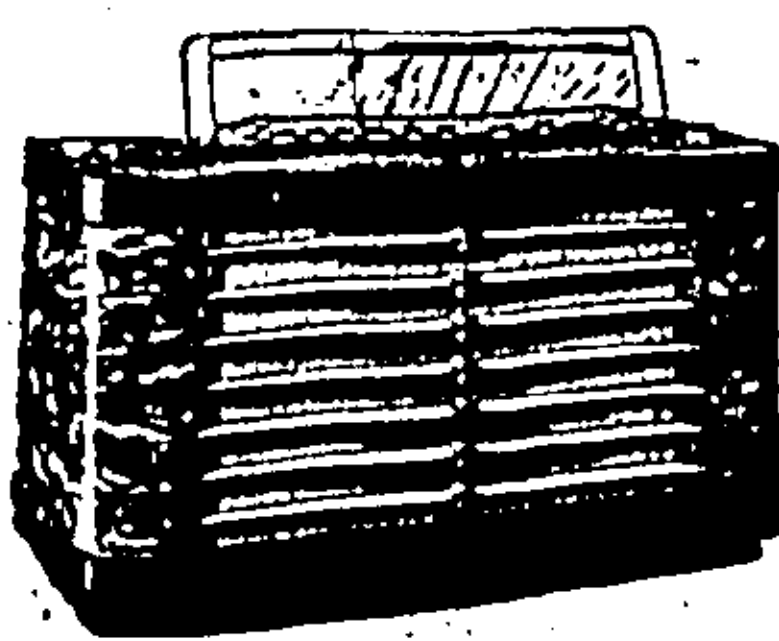
Troops of the United States Zone Constabulary are tonight completing the first phase of their biggest post-war battle practice held along the Bavarian-Czechoslovak border.

This morning they are massed along the border against an imaginary aggressor from the East. During the day they have been withdrawing to strategic defence lines along the Ludwig Canal.

Observers from Britain, France, Sweden, Holland and Norway watched as the steel-helmeted Constabulary units began their strategic withdrawal to a region where the American 1st Division had already set up a defence line.

The manoeuvres, which will eventually engage almost 70,000 troops, also marked the first time that American Civil Affairs teams have accompanied tactical troops in war games.

Twenty-five P-47s (Thunderbolts), playing the role of aggressor planes, "buzzed" the city of Nuremberg headquarters of the defending forces, during the day.—Reuter.



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RUSSIAN DELEGATE'S DENIAL

Lake Success, April 18. Mr. Jacob A. Malik, permanent Soviet delegate to the United Nations, today implicitly denied a report that he had made a peace proposal on the Berlin problem to Philip C. Jessup, American Ambassador-at-large.

Asked about a report made by the commentator, Drew Pearson, Mr. Malik said: "Pearson always invents." When questioned whether the flood of Berlin peace reports can be dismissed as baseless, Mr. Malik laughed and said: "No comment."

He shrugged off a query on a report that the Russians have sent a special envoy to Washington to discuss the whole Berlin situation.—United Press.

Budget Proposals Under Fire

Blackpool, April 18.

Members of the 350,000-strong Union of Shop Distributors and Allied Workers today voted to ask the Labour Government to reconsider its 1949 Budget proposals.

Their supposition by an overwhelming majority on a show of hands a declaration by the Union's National Executive asking for an immediate reconsideration of the proposals on increased food prices and the retention of the purchase tax. Only one delegate voted against.

The Executive declared that the Union is profoundly disturbed at the Government's decision to "peg" food subsidies and to give no relief on the purchase tax.

The Executive declared that the Union is convinced that if the prices of essential goods are to be increased as a result of a policy of pegging food subsidies, then the effect on living standards, which are already below minimum needs, will be such that no amount of exhortation will prevent new wage demands.—Reuter.

AUSSIE ADMIRAL GOING TO UK

Sydney, April 18.

Rear-Admiral John Augustine Collins, Chief of the Australian Naval Staff, said here tonight before leaving by air for Britain that he will attend an operational conference beginning in London on April 24.

Admiral Collins said the conference will last about a week, after which he will confer with the Admiralty for two or three days. He will take part in "Trident," the name given to the exercises to study the effect of atomic weapons in a war at sea.—Reuter.

BERLIN AIRLIFT

Berlin, April 18.

During the 24 hours ending this afternoon, 6,555 tons of goods were flown into Berlin in 988 airlift flights, the British-licensed German news agency, DPA, stated.

This was a new record, except for the special operation on Friday and Saturday, which was undertaken to test the full capacity of the airlift, it added.—Reuter.

AMAZING STORY OF PLANS FOR U.S. NEGRO STATE

New York, April 19.

A Georgia negro, who said he was trained in Moscow, testified yesterday that a negro nation was to have been formed from Southern sections of the United States by the flames of violent revolution.

William Odell Nowell, a U.S. Government employee, told a jury at the conspiracy trial of 11 senior Communists that he once was a student of revolution at the feet of Party leaders in Russia.

There, he said, Red Army instructors schooled him in the science of civil warfare.

Other instructors, he testified, lectured on the violent overthrow of the Capitalistic system and the establishment of a proletarian dictatorship.

Out of this blood bath, Nowell said, was to come a new negro nation, conceived in violence and dedicated to extending the Communist revolution throughout the United States.

It was to extend from Virginia to the Mississippi delta, Nowell said—that "Black Belt of the South," where Communists claimed negroes are in the majority.

Whole Country

"The revolution in the South," the witness went on in a hushed Federal courtroom, "would aid the Northern industrial workers in bringing about revolution in the North and hence throughout the whole country."

Nowell said he first went to Moscow in 1929 as an official representative of the American Communist Party. He attended an anniversary celebration of the Russian Revolution.

In 1931, he testified, he returned to America to attend the Lenin Institute. He said that Jacob Stachel, one of the 11 defendants, headed his group of students.—Associated Press.

Casablanca, April 18.

Forty people were injured, some seriously, when a wooden stand collapsed at a gymnastic festival here this afternoon.—Reuter.

ILP ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT

Blackpool, April 18.

The Labour Government has spent the major part of its three and a half years in power in making Britain a safe place for capitalism, a resolution by the Independent Labour Party, a small left wing group that was the forerunner of the Labour Party, said today.

The resolution, passed at the party's annual conference here, strongly criticised the Labour Government and said there is no hope for socialism under the present Administration.

It urged all branches of the party to contest as many seats as possible in the 1949 municipal elections and to prepare for the Parliamentary elections in 1950. The conference yesterday reversed a decision taken at its 1948 conference not to contest the elections.—Reuter.

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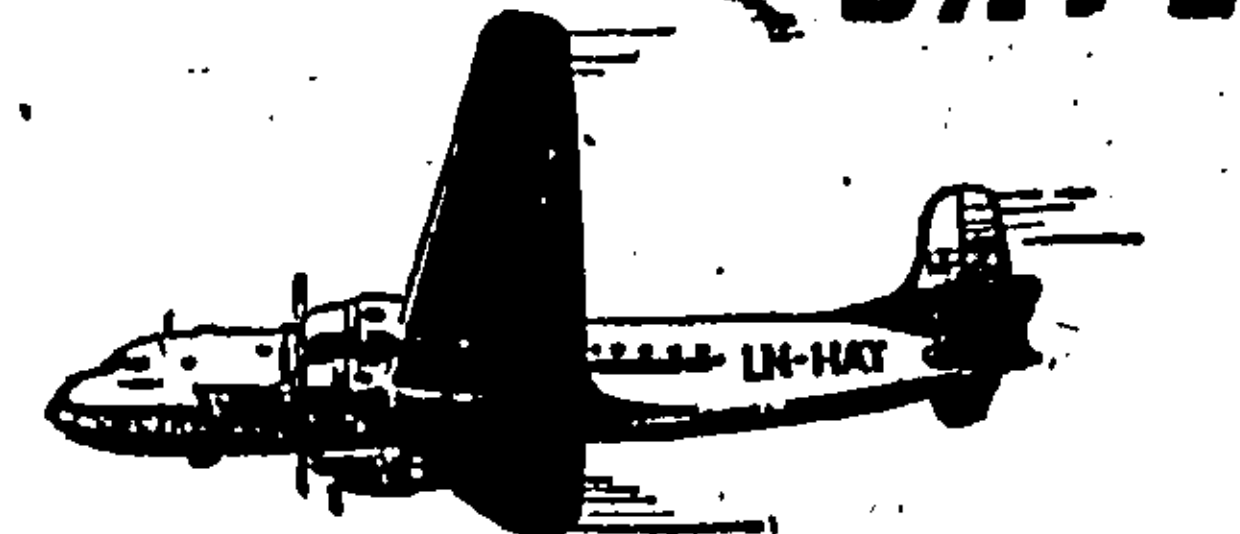
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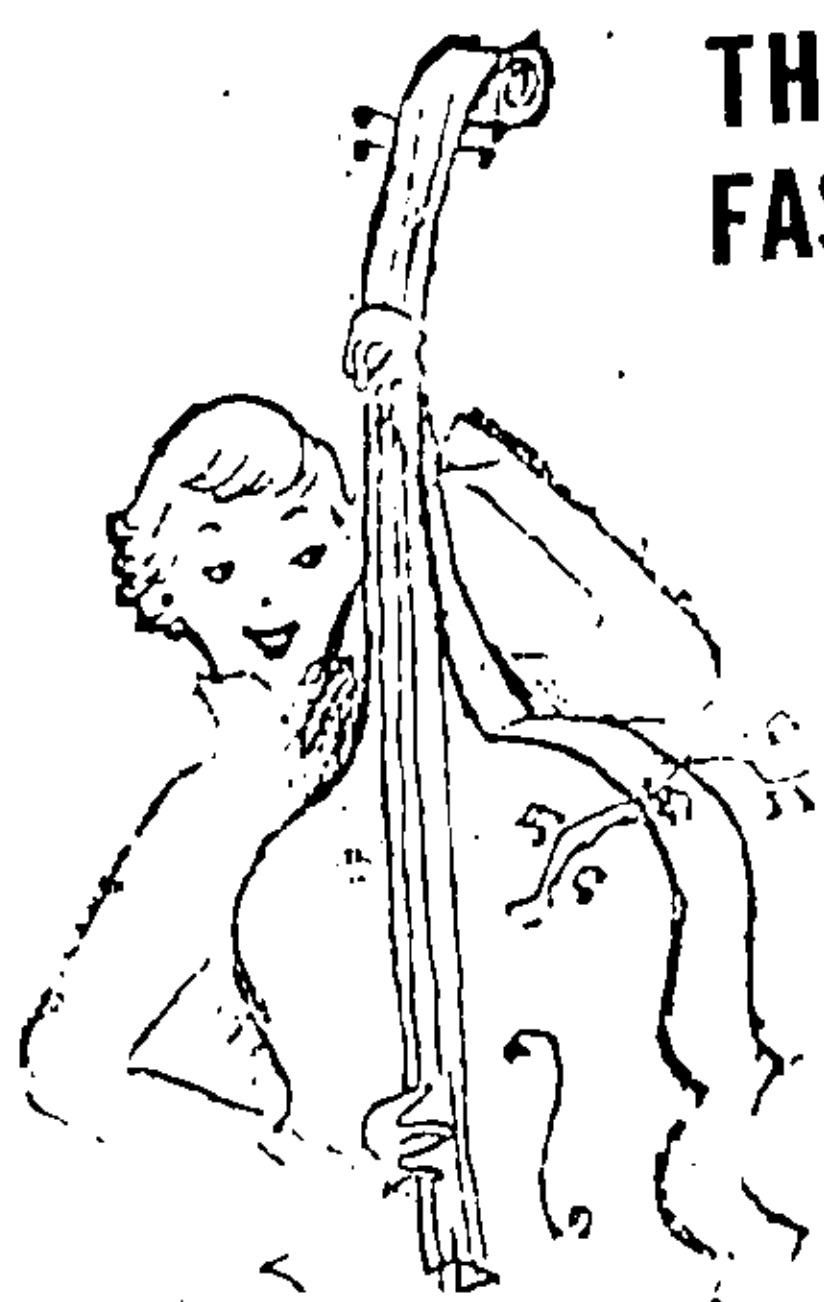
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3. If the children get out of hand do you (a) bully them, say "I'll tell daddy," or do you (b) rely on your own authority?
4. Do you (a) praise other children's looks or manners in front of your own children, or do you (b) despise such methods?
5. Can you say (a) "this is the last sweet" (or bedtime story, or game) and mean it, or do you (b) let yourself be persuaded "Just one more"?

6. Do you (a) give in to your children in public for fear of a scene or do you (b) remain firm?
7. Do you (a) repeat their amusing remarks in front of them or do you (b) remember that "little pitchers have long ears"?
8. Do you (a) repeat in public what your child says, or do you (b) remember that small children are sensitive?
9. If they are afraid of the dark do you (a) give them a night light in the bedroom or do you (b) tease them for being cowardly?
10. Do you (a) force them to swim, ride or do something that frightens them, or (b) leave them alone and trust they will gain confidence?
11. Do you (a) ever find yourselves hickering in front of the children, or do you (b) keep up a happy front?
12. Do you see (a) that they clean their own shoes and help with the washing-up or do you (b) make yourself a slave to them?

13. Do you (a) economise and send them to school in obviously cut-down clothes, or do you (b) remember how you felt about that sort of thing yourself?
14. Do you (a) find yourself favouring one particular child or are you (b) always strictly impartial?
15. Do you (a) teach your children the value of money or do you (b) always put your hand in your pocket?

Answers: 1—(a) yes (5); 2—(a) yes (5); 3—(b) yes (5); 4—(b) yes (5); 5—(a) yes (5); 6—(b) yes (5); 7—(b) yes (5); 8—(b) yes (5); 9—(a) yes (5); 10—(b) yes (5); 11—(b) yes (5); 12—(a) yes (5); 13—(b) yes (5); 14—(b) yes (5); 15—(a) yes (5). Score—40 or over—nearly the perfect parent. 40 to 60—not so bad. 30 to 40—could be better. Under 30—poor children!

Aprons And Capes For Day And Evening

By Winifride Jackson



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One of the most interesting summer fashions in the shops—and a money-saver—is the apron overskirt that is convertible into a cape, and vice versa. Apart from its usefulness, this idea brings an attractive variety into dressing without launching out into an expensive wardrobe.

Sketches above show this theme for day and evening. Style on left was originally designed by Rosalind Gilbert as a bridesmaid's dress in champagne net, the cape or apron being tied with black velvet ribbon. Second sketch shows a charming dance dress, with the cape worn as an apron.

Printed French cotton is used by Linzi for a convertible summer dress. It can be bought in several colours. Dress chosen for the sketch was in turquoise, with a black leaf print. Apart from its conversion into summer ensemble for town (right), the cape is extremely practical for the beach over a sun suit.

From Ankles Down: "Flats" In America

By Kay Murray

New York.

When people talk of "Flats" on this side of the water, the chances are they are referring to shoes, not automobiles. Flats can be as flat as a pancake or the height of a medium-high wedge. In every case they are as about as diverse as casual shoes have ever been.

They run to straps, from a single strap placed straight across the instep, where you might reasonably expect a strap to be, to a whole family of straps, five or even six, starting approximately just over your big toe and ending above the ankle.

Functionally is, however, the least conspicuous characteristic of these giddy pieces of footwear. The straps may twist round your ankle, like the traditional ballet shoe, or criss-cross in the manner of the antique buskin.

The bamboo motif has brought out a crop of lovely shades. Bamboo itself, a wonderful cross between gold and tan, is conspicuous, but everything from a colour like clotted cream to a really bright yellow is to be seen, not only in casuals but also for formal wear with greys and tawny shades, of which a lot has been shown for the spring.

Should Think Twice

Lovely ladies with long limbs ending in long, even though shapely feet, should think twice before adopting the idea.

There is however a school of thought which maintains that a size eight shoe in a dark shade looks more conspicuous at the end of an approximately nude-coloured stocking leg than one which carries the eye down without a break. So you long-legged Dianas who want to go gay with your sandals can be comforted.

Shoes for formal occasions are by contrast very simple and restrained. The most general line is the elegant "shell" one, so in keeping with the present nostalgic fashions. This has closed toe and

back, and is very shallow at the sides, with no decoration whatever.

This applies to the more basic tones of black, navy and brown, which will probably always remain top favourite with well-dressed women.

But a great many fashion houses are departing from tradition and are showing tone with tone—grey shoes with a grey suit, beige with beige, and so on, and these are usually more ornate.

Ostrich Skin

Materials for these lighter-toned models include some which have not been seen for many years, such as ostrich or goats skin, and some which are making their first bow.

"Sarah silk" pumps are being put out by one or two famous fashion houses, and linen, straw and spotted shantung are hot favourites for the summer.

It seems as if there has never been a spring when accessories were so carefully teamed with prevailing fashions, and even if your budget won't allow you to splurge on a complete new outfit, you can wear your accessories with such an air that everyone will be deceived.

It is a certainty that such firms as I. Miller and others who have always cultivated the English market will come up with some models that will make you rub your ration-weary eyes. So if that navy suit looks a little tired, how about a bamboo cocktail with matching calf shoes and bag? Or biscuit-coloured straw pumps and lunch-box straw handbag for your grey flannel perennial?

And, just in passing, one of the quickest ways of giving your tailor-made a lift is to pin a big flower on your lapel and trail a big matching silk handkerchief from the opposite hip pocket. It's truth—straight from Fifth Avenue!

Buttons, Bows And Nylons

By Elaine Berkeley

Spring fashion showings in London last week established buttons and bows in the spring fashion story.

Buttons and bows are on everything. As many as 28 buttons are seen on one suit. There are buttoned-down shirts with suits, buttoned-on yokes to blouses, ornamental groups of buttons on belts and necklines. Buttons in mother-of-pearl, tortoise-shell, and smoked pearl that are eye-catching.

Bows are soft and casual, and tie high up under the chin. They tuck beneath pointed collars.

Fashion moves too slowly in London for the line to have changed radically.

This season's models are a consolidation of all we've seen and liked, but materials are new and, with the button and bow trimmings, there is a new, gay 1921-ish look about everywhere.

The 1921 Look

The cardigan suit buttoning down the front, with tight skirt hickering out from the knee with pleats, the wool skirt and tuxedo silk yoked blouse with loose-pleated jacket, the whole lavishly trimmed with mother-of-pearl buttons, the fringed afternoon dress with fringe spiralling around a sleek jersey frock and long and floating draping round neck and floating backward, are all reminiscent of the era of "bright young things."

One particularly pretty frock from Helen Geffers was a grey, fine jersey with bands of narrow looped fringe forming a deep band at the hem and sweeping upwards in front to the waistline.

The same narrow fringe suggested a bolero in outline. At this collection, fancy pleating was one of the many novelties.

There was sugarbag pleating in a series of fluted panels down one side of a brown tube frock. Each fluted panel was edged with yellow and white cotton.

Smash hits of the collections so far have been the nylon dresses. No don't shudder and think of parachutes, but rather of fine gossamer material like silk organza that never crushes and need never be ironed.

This new nylon, with plastic spots and flower motifs, comes in such useful and springlike shades as navy-blue with white spots.

Uncrushable

One 40-yards-around-the-hem made the trans-Atlantic crossing twice without the feel of an iron. The wearer—Mrs. Joseph Seldner, wife of a textile magnate—stepping on the plane in New York and right into the biggest congress ever held of suit and cloak men.

New, too, is the needlerun nylon which washes and needs no ironing. You can imagine how the courtiers are loving this new material for their ever so full and frilly skirts.

Some spring hats are made of stiff silks, flowered and veiled.

RECIPE

Apricot Mould

1 small tin apricots, 1 pkt apricot jelly crystals 1½ gills milk, 1 dessertspoonful sugar, 1½ tablespoons cornflour, vanilla.

Drain the apricots and add sufficient water to the syrup to make ¾ of a pint of liquid. Place in the saucepan, bring to the boil and use this liquid to make the apricot jelly. Allow to cool. Blend the cornflour with a little of the milk, place the remainder of the milk and sugar into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Pour on to the blended cornflour, stirring well. Return to the saucepan and stir over the fire for three minutes. Allow to cool slightly, flavor with vanilla. Pour into wetted mould and stand in a dish of cold water until set. Pour the cooled jelly on top of the set blanc mange. Chill. Turn out and surround with the pieces of apricots.

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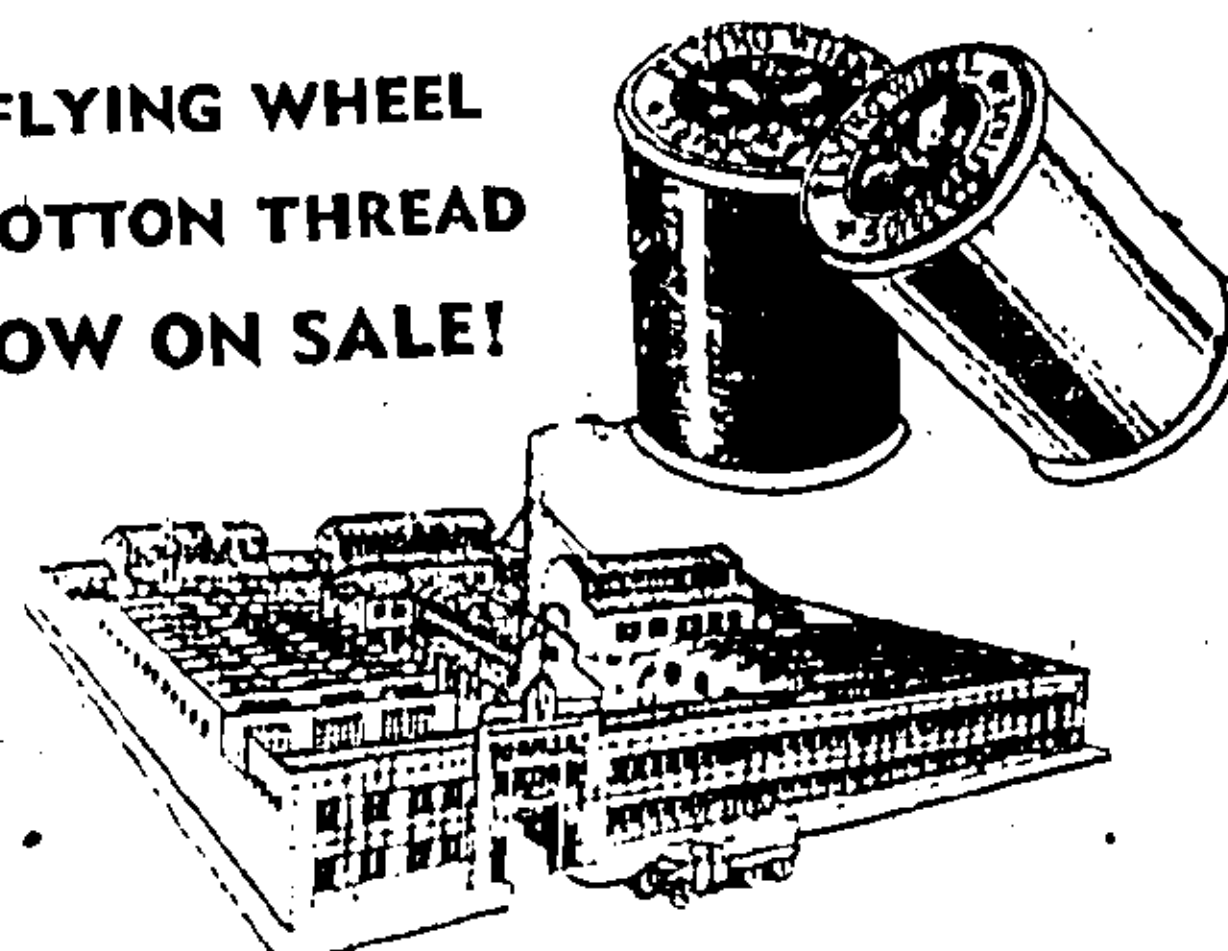
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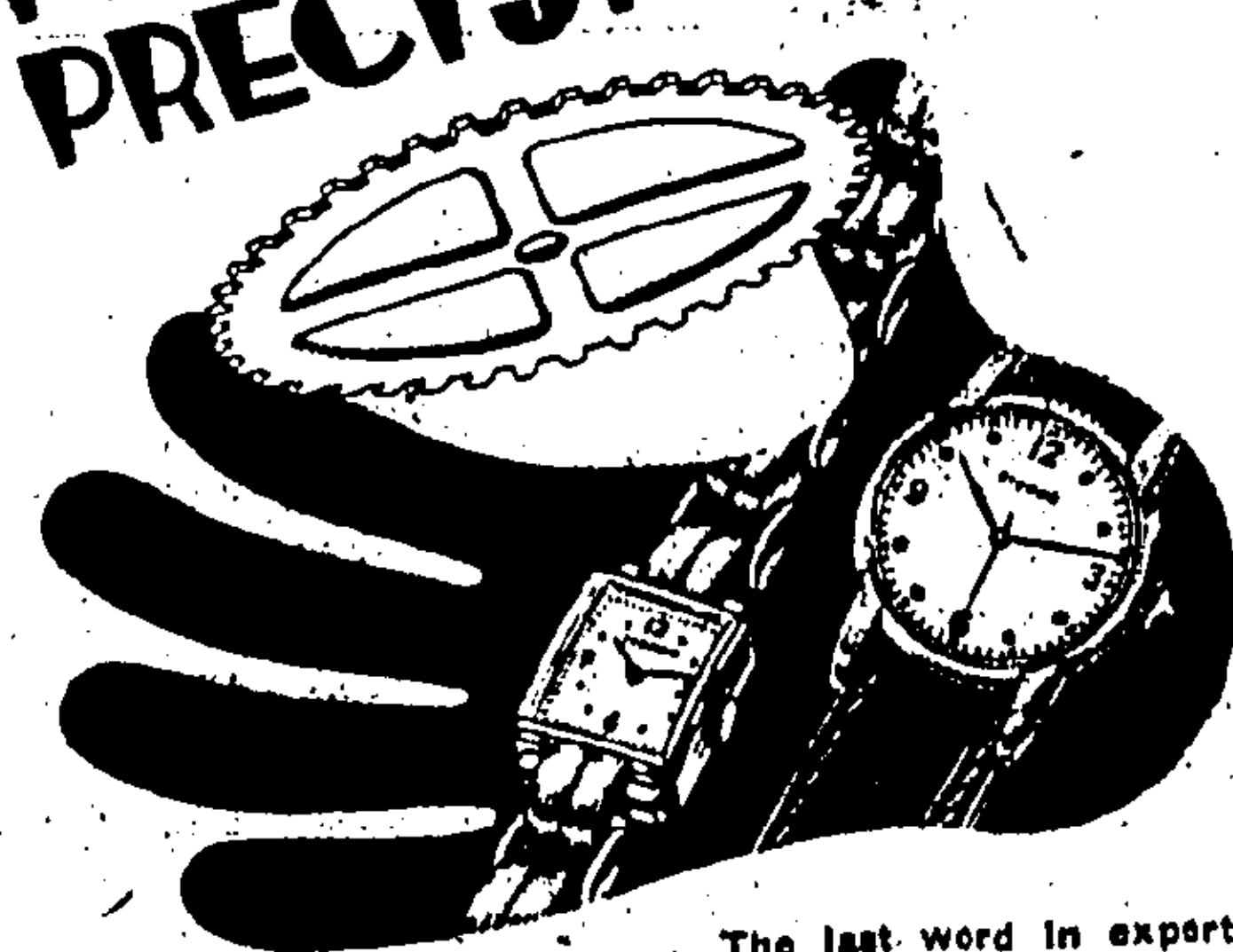
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HISTORIC CONFERENCE OF EMPIRE STATESMEN

Don't Speak English, Irish Told

Dublin, April 19. President Sean T. O'Kelly of the new Republic of Ireland told his countrymen yesterday to stop speaking English and restore the ancient Gaelic language.

President O'Kelly said the winning of the Republic will be an empty victory if the Irish lose their tongue.

Posters appeared on Dublin's streets calling for a boycott of English newspapers. "The King is gone, now cut the language tie with Britain," the poster said. They were printed in English.

The Republic of Ireland now stands alone as a nation, Mr. John Costello, Prime Minister of Eire, declared.

"We have no alliances, entanglements or ties with any country in the world, but are to be reckoned with now as an independent State, however small we are."

Mr. Costello continued: "Until partition goes, we cannot give the full contribution we could give in economic and military co-operation in the defence of peace."

Mr. Costello said the Eire Government will be prepared to allow the people of Northern Ireland to retain their present powers of government, provided that the powers of defence and foreign affairs are in the hands of an All-Ireland Government.

"Although we have severed the ties that bound us to Great Britain and the other members of the Commonwealth," he added, "we believe that what has been done today will ensure a more cordial and closer co-operation, greater and more real friendship between Ireland, Great Britain and the other Commonwealth countries than could ever have existed under the former conditions."—Associated Press and Reuter.

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London, April 18. India is the focus of mounting public interests here tonight as Britain awaits the arrival of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers for an historic conference which, within a week, may vitally change the concept of Commonwealth relations.

The task of the Commonwealth statesmen, who will open their talks on Thursday, is to seek the means that may enable India, after she becomes a democratic Republic, to continue her co-operation with their countries.

The importance attached to the outcome of the talks is reflected in the decision of almost all the leading Commonwealth Prime Ministers to attend the conference in person.

The one notable absentee—Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada—may join the talks later. Canada will be represented at the start of the conference by Mr. Lester Pearson, Minister of External Affairs, who arrived here by air tonight.

The situation has no exact precedent, and therefore no ready-made plan to meet it exists. But it is generally recognised that a solution acceptable to India will have to be consistent with her national aspirations.

There has been ample evidence from Commonwealth countries in recent months of a general desire for some arrangement that will enable India to continue her important part in Commonwealth affairs. This spirit is expected to be reflected in the conference.

Newspaper commentators here, closely studying the occasional and extremely guarded statements made by the Commonwealth leaders on the conference, have tried to read between the lines. But speculation is regarded as premature, and it has received neither encouragement nor support from any responsible quarter.

Envoys' Reports

There is widespread desire in all Commonwealth quarters here that the work of the conference should not be embarrassed by attempts to anticipate the lines of its development.

Officials here have been working all through the Easter holidays, preparing for the conference and the reception of the visiting statesmen. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, who has been at his country residence, Chequers, in Buckinghamshire, for the week-end, returned to London today to supervise the final arrangements.

He devoted much of the holiday to a study of the reports furnished him by Britain's special envoys after their recent flying visits to the Commonwealth capitals for personal talks with the Prime Ministers there.

The Commonwealth leaders will assemble on Thursday—six months after their last London meeting—round the great table of the Cabinet Room at No. 10, Downing Street.

Common Loyalty

This long, many-windowed room gives direct access to the garden of Mr. Attlee's official residence. Many historic decisions have been taken in this room, and observers now await to see whether a new chapter in Commonwealth association will be opened within its walls.

Mr. Lester Pearson said in London today: "We shall be discussing certain constitutional questions arising out of developments in parts of the Commonwealth. My brief goes no further than that."

Mr. Joseph B. Chifley and Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, respectively, arrived at Kharachi tonight on their way to the conference.

Mr. Chifley declined to discuss the conference, Mr. Fraser said it will be possible for in-

dia and the other Commonwealth members to so arrange matters as to accept a common loyalty and mutual responsibilities so that they can remain solidly and unitedly together.

It is believed in London that the Statute of Westminster and the decisions of the Imperial Conference may afford ample scope for evolving a formula to suit India's requirements. Even at present, it is argued in political circles, the new Dominions have been placed in a better position than the Dominions received under the Statute of Westminster.

The Statute contained a limitation on the power of the Dominion Parliaments in Canada and Australia to amend their Constitutions. There is no corresponding restriction in the Indian Independence Act, and there is an express provision that, in the case of each of the new Dominions, the power of the Legislature of the Dominion shall, for the purpose of making provision for the Constitution, be exercisable by the Constituent Assembly of that Dominion.

The conferment of these powers is accompanied by a declaration that His Majesty's Government has no responsibility concerning the Governments of the new Dominions after August 15, 1947. There was no corresponding declaration in the Statute of Westminster.—Reuter.

Phenomenal Easter Weather Continues

London, April 18. The phenomenal Easter holiday weather held out for holiday-makers in Southern England, who crowded beaches and parks for a final sunbath before tomorrow's "back to work."

People in the North were not so fortunate, with heavy rains and cloudy skies breaking the week-end heat wave.

In Berlin, the sudden heat spell brought out Berlin's famous Linden trees almost overnight.

Paris enjoyed the warmest Easter most people can remember, with French holiday-makers again basking in sunshine today.

Less lucky were the trans-Atlantic passengers on the liner Queen Elizabeth, which arrived late at Cherbourg today because of continuous rain and fog during her crossing.

Travel companies estimate that about 1,000,000 Parisians left their sweltering capital, the warmest place in France. Today's shade temperature was 28 degrees Centigrade.

In shady boulevard cafes, waiters sweated from early morning to cope with record demands for iced beer from thousands of lightly-clad tourists.

Berliners with picnic baskets and sunglasses again packed armies to the surrounding lakes and woods. The record Easter fuel airlifts provided electricity for extra trams.

Potsdam Observatory forecast clear weather for another two or three days.

In Colombo, torrential rains during the week-end brought Ceylon a very different Easter from Europe's record-breaking spell of sunny weather. Floods swamped roads and disorganised the train services in the capital and several houses collapsed.

Shops, offices, banks and factories all over Italy closed down today for the Easter Monday holiday—one of the most important in the Italian year.—Reuter.

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The Indian Standpoint At Talks

New Delhi, April 18. The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, leaves here by air for London tomorrow to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, opening on April 21.

Informed quarters here believe that India's standpoint at this crucial conference will be something on the following lines: First, the Commonwealth being a flexible organisation, it should not be a constitutional impossibility for India, as an independent republic to continue to associate herself with the Commonwealth.

Secondly, under that new basis the term "Dominion" should be dropped. Thirdly, India will not accept the suzerainty of the King, but might recognise a special status for the King in the Commonwealth.

Fourthly, that India will respect decisions on Commonwealth matters, as such, without prejudice to India's internal and external sovereignty.—Reuter.

Outbreak In East Berlin

Berlin, April 18. Eastern Sector German police fired on riotous demonstrators today in a crowd of 30,000 people watching cycle races at the Berlin Stadium, the German news agency, DENA, reported.

The agency said a police car had to face the resistance of an angry crowd to get away after the shooting.

Several pistol shots were fired, the report added, when the police had trouble taking a man into custody. Spectators were beaten up, box offices overturned, and mob tumult, fighting and shooting followed, the agency said.

It stated that the trouble, which lasted three hours, began with a demonstration against the organisers of the races.—Reuter.

STATUS OF IRISH WHO WISH TO BE BRITISH

London, April 18. The "Daily Telegraph" (Conservative), raising the question of how Eirean citizens wishing to remain British subjects will be affected by the establishment of the Republic, speculates on possible repercussions in new Dominions such as India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

The paper thinks it legally doubtful if the machinery introduced under last year's British Nationality Act, whereby certain Eire citizens could apply to remain British subjects, would hold good now.

It will not apply to applicants "who are citizens not of a Dominion which acknowledged the Crown for some purposes, but of a Republic denying all allegiance to the Crown."

Predicting that further legislation might be required, the "Telegraph" added in a leading article: "The status of such persons has obvious relevance to their claims to serve the Crown in any civil or military capacity, to vote at elections or to stand as candidates."

"Is it in fact practical for citizens of a Republic to have the privileges of belonging to the Commonwealth, of which the one constitutional link is the Crown?"

"Mr. Nehru, it is known, wishes to reject the Crown, but retain the Commonwealth."

"So, it is believed, does Dr. Daniel Malan. On the other hand, General Smuts voiced the view a few days ago that an independent republic not under the Crown violates every

concept of the Commonwealth. "That is the view held by most people here and in the older Dominions, and in such new Dominions as Pakistan and Ceylon. You are either in the Commonwealth or out of it; there is no middle course."

"General Smuts' words go to the heart of the discussion, in which the Commonwealth statesmen are about to go into conference in London," the "Telegraph" concludes.—Reuter.

Communist Attack On Tito

London, April 18. Moscow Radio today quoted the official Cominform weekly journal in Bucharest as saying that Marshal Josip Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, "a camouflaged participant of the Atlantic Pact," and his "clique" are performing "a special task in the plans of the imperialists for the preparation of a new war."

"American imperialists have right wing Socialist agents, such as Mr. Bevin (British Foreign Secretary) and M. Leon Blum (French Socialist leader), kuklik agents such as Mikolajczyk and Ferenc Nagy, Catholic agents such as Mindszenty and Signor de Gasperi, and Fascist agents such as General de Gaulle," the article said, according to Moscow Radio.

"But they also need agents purporting to be Communists. They have acquired such agents in the person of Tito and his clique."

After asserting that "Tito's propaganda against the Soviet Union and the people's democracies has intensified of late," the journal added: "Anxious to help the imperialists, Tito declares that the danger of Yugoslavia being colonised does not come from American imperialists but from the Soviet Union and the people's democracies."

"This calumny is also aimed at diverting the attention of Yugoslav workers from the treacherous policy of the Yugoslav Communist Party's leadership, a policy which is turning Yugoslavia into a slave of Wall Street."—Reuter.

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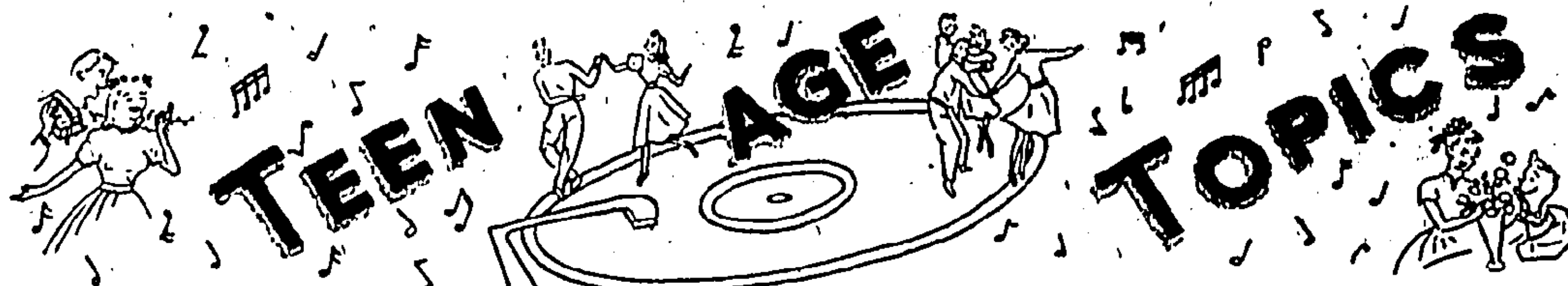
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Editorial

Party Manners
Everyone wants to have a good time at parties, even the girls, all of them, pretty or simple, talkative or dumb.

At parties, the initiative is generally left to the boys. That is the way of society—good society, that is.

In other words, the boy makes all the necessary approaches, such as asking the girl to dance, helping her to refreshments, and also acquainting her with friends of his she has never met before.

All this goes to make up the fun in parties, not just dancing yourself silly, and shouting yourself hoarse.

Many a time it happens—and it really has—that a group of girls are left in one corner of the room to their own gossip. The reason?—Usually because the girl is not your ideal, she can't do such and such, or "just isn't my type."

That is the height of bad manners. Because it makes a girl feel awkward, being left alone in a party room without any male attention. And it is rude to make anyone feel awkward, let alone a girl.

Supposing your reason (whatever it may be) is justifiable, it seldom is in cases like this, but let us suppose.

Could it spoil your whole evening by your just having one dance with her, or two or three minutes' chat? No one is asking you to play marfy for the duration of the party, but if each boy would take his turn at being a little more polite, the party can be even a greater success because everyone can honestly say he or she has enjoyed it.

The "simple" ones to whom you are asked to be nice are, as you know only a few. If the number is bigger, then you must be in the wrong party.

Teen Agers To Perform Reels At The "Y"

One section of the local teen age community will turn completely Scottish on Saturday at the European YMCA, when they will gather—with their elders—for the Annual YMCA Highland Evening.

The occasion is to end the season of the YMCA Reel Club conducted each Friday by Mrs. N. Hart-Baker.

Plans are already in hand to ensure an evening of fun, with bagpipes and Highland Fling galore.

Of particular interest is the exceeding large number of teen agers, not necessarily Scottish—who take part, in Mrs. Hart-Baker's classes.

Two very keen teen age reel dancers, for instance, are two young Dutch girls whose regular attendance and diligent practice have made them some of the very best among the teen age group, better even, in some cases, than the true Scotch lassies.

The teen age boys, of whom there are quite a number, are also extremely keen, if perhaps wanting a little bit in style.

They all, nevertheless, form to make a happy picture. And if they should err here and there on timing and the steps, it all contributes to the informal atmosphere that attends each of these Friday meetings with Mrs. Hart-Baker.

All through this week, teen agers are meeting in Mrs. Hart-Baker's home for final practice and polishing up.

With April 23 drawing nearer, the teen agers have shown marked improvement and should make Saturday evening at the YMCA, not only fun for themselves, but also entertaining for those who prefer to watch.

Among the teen agers taking part on Saturday night are Bridget Armstrong, Shauna Anderson, Luba Skvorozov, Rosemary Swanby, Pat Wickerson, Yvette Whitfield, Gordon Blenkinsop, Desmond Ingles, Louise Warring, and Minko Witkemb.

The programme planned for the evening includes: Highland Scottish (one doesn't pronounce it that way though), Scottish Reel, Dashing White Sergeant, Circassian Circles and Waltz, Country Dance, Cumberland Reels, Eight and Reels, Hullachen, Strip the Willow, St. Bernard's Waltz, and Petronella. There will also be ordinary ballroom dancing in between. Dress is optional.

Prize Winners
The photographic competition didn't turn out to be very popular either. There were some very good entries though.

First prize this week goes to Lawrence Wong, (\$50), of 50 Wyndham Street, Hong Kong. Armando Restano, of 5 Belfair Road, Kowloon, won the \$4 prize.

Let's give the competition a rest this week until some bright ideas turn up. Meanwhile you can all concentrate on the "Platter Chatter Poll" contest.

Personality

Teen ager of the week is 16-year-old Mercia da Silva, a girl guide belonging to the 5th Kowloon Troop, of which she is second of the Robin Patrol.

Mercia's birthday is on October 18. She was born in Hong Kong and attended Maryknoll Convent School.

When the war came, Mercia went to Macao where she studied in Santa Rosa da Lima Convent, returning to St. Mary's in Hong Kong in 1945. She is now in her school leaving year.

Mercia cannot yet make up her mind about an ambition. "However," she says, "I will certainly



MERCIA da SILVA

not be a stenographer. I cannot think of anything more uninteresting."

After pondering for a while, Mercia said that she may like to be a school teacher, or perhaps a nurse.

Her favourite sport is softball. Mercia plays for the "Squaws" and roots for the "Braves", naturally. Her other sporting interests are swimming and badminton.

Mercia plays the piano, preferring light classical pieces. But jazz is her chief interest.

Mercia's main hobby is corresponding with pen friends in other

Platter Chatter Poll

The "Platter Chatter Poll" is one vote for your favourite artists and tunes in waxed music and win an album of records for your efforts. Fill in the form below and send your entries in to THE EDITOR, TEEN AGE TOPICS, THE "CHINA MAIL" WINDSOR HOUSE, HONG KONG.

There will be two prizes of an album of records each, for—
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All entries must reach the "Topics" by 5 p.m. on April 29. Judges will be appointed by TEEN AGE TOPICS and their decision will be final.

Favourites

Male Singer:
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Hot Band:
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Soloist (Instrumental):

Ideal Programme

Write down the 10 best selections which you think should be included in an ideal programme.

The Wren

Wanda R. Makes 17

More than 40 teen agers, friends of Wanda Rodriguez, met at her home in Hillwood Road to help celebrate her 17th birthday on April 16.

Wanda received her guests quite formally in a charming party frock of printed silk that had a swirling flare.

Whether it was "new look" or the "old look," the "Topics" reporter didn't know, and never will. But it certainly gave Wanda R. a decidedly nice look.

Like all teen age parties, formalities relaxed as soon as the music started and the food was served buffet style.

The party began at approximately six o'clock in the evening and the fun, 15 minutes later, the guests have arrived. It ended after midnight.

Wanda had a deliciously big birthday cake with 17 candles round the border shaped in a heart, with the appropriate inscription.

Wanda blew off all the candles with one try. Don't ask me what her wish was; she wouldn't tell.

Everybody had a grand time with waltzes (only two) live of all descriptions (20), rumbas, sambas and other dances.

Wanda is at the moment, writing to more than 10 persons distributed over all parts of the world. Her other hobby is collecting trinkets and curios.

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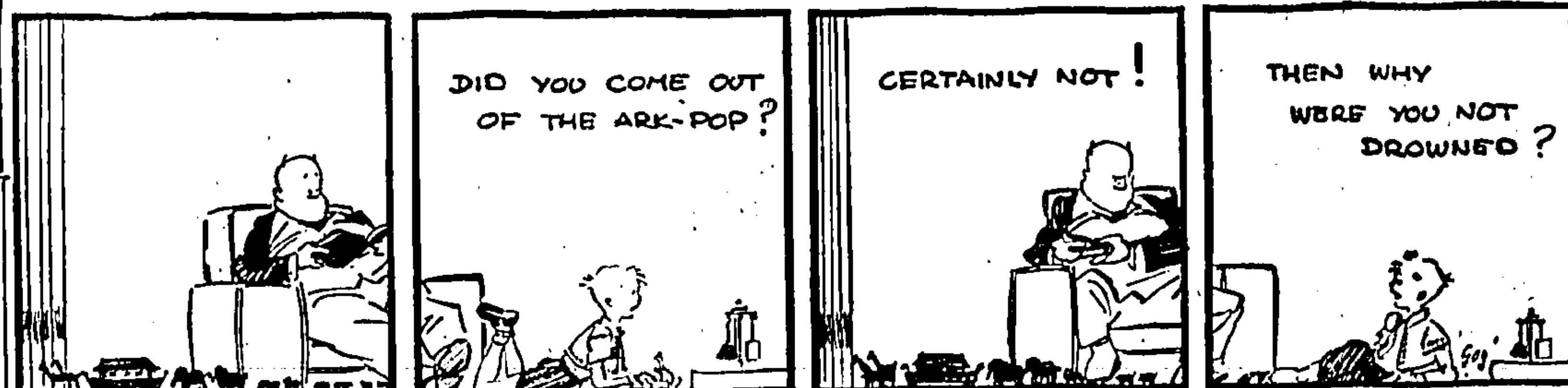
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LEWIS DOUGLAS BETTER

London, April 18.
Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to Britain, who recently injured his left eye in a fishing accident, was examined this afternoon by his doctors, who found a slight improvement.

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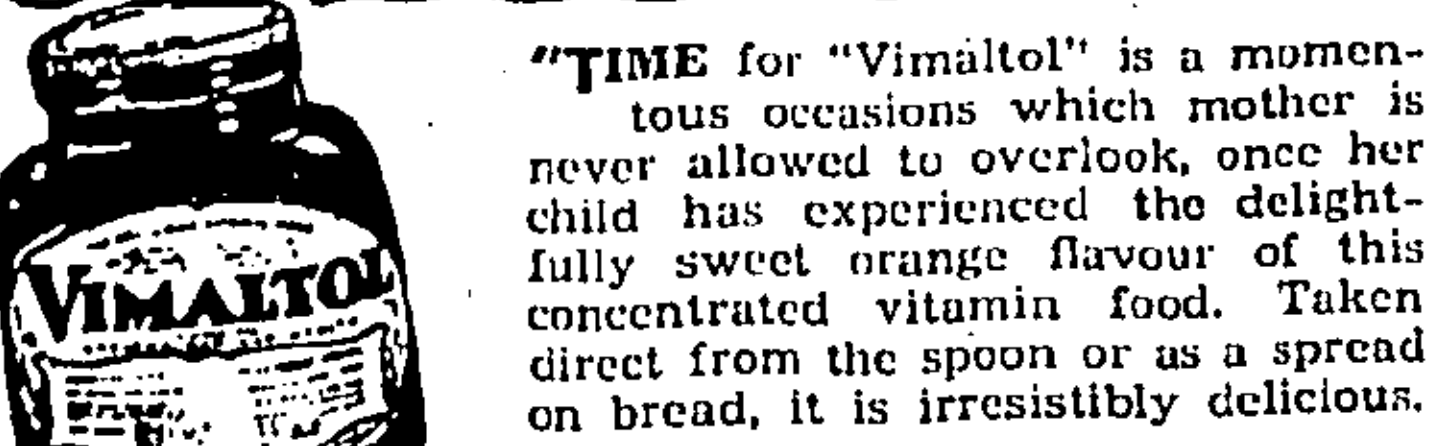
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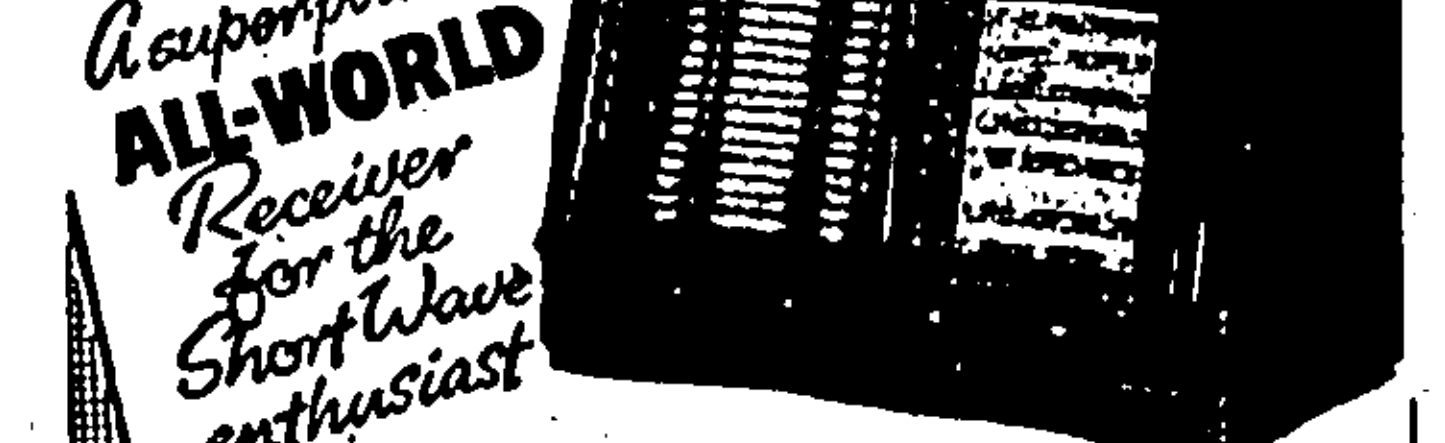
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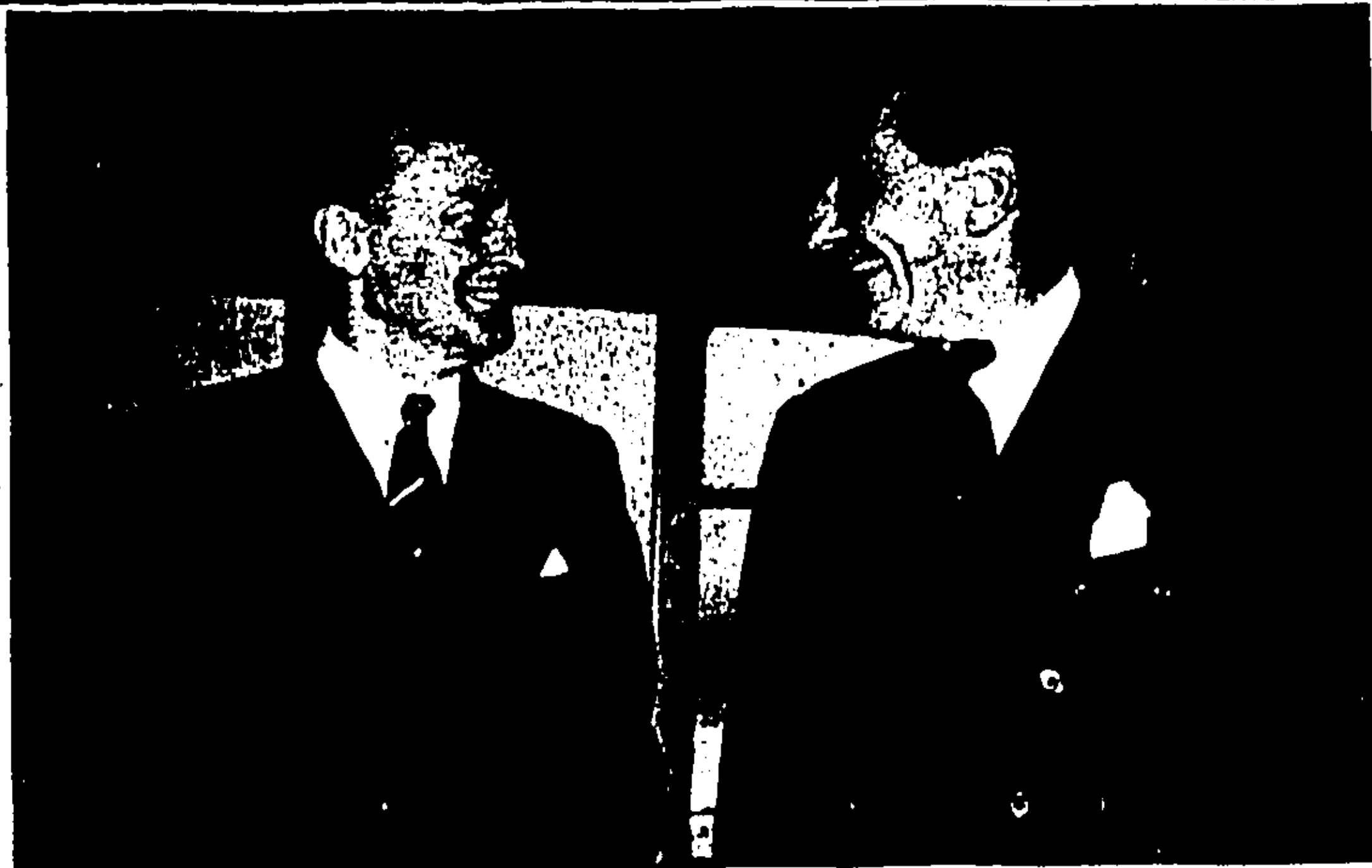
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Sir Alvary Gascoigne, special representative of Britain's Prime Minister to General Douglas MacArthur, is shown talking to the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, when he called here on his way to London. ("China Mail" photo)



Mrs. A. Morse is shown presenting a silver cup to one of the proud Cubs who came out winners at the Wolf Cub Pack annual sports meeting. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. A. Morse addresses a gathering of Wolf Cubs after he presented prizes to the winners of the Wolf Cub Pack annual sports meeting. ("China Mail" photo)



The girl choir of the King George V School at the school's first annual prize giving. ("China Mail" photo)



The first annual prize giving of the King George V School was held at the School Hall recently. Here, Mr. G. P. Ferguson is shown addressing the students. ("China Mail" photo)



Dr. J. Calvert Clark (second from left), of the China Children's Fund Inc., arrived recently by plane from Manila for a short visit. He was met at the airport by the Rev. E. W. Raetz, China Director of the organisation. ("China Mail" photo)



The England soccer team, which lost to China by five goals in the International Charity Cup final encounter at Sookunpoo.



Mr. Harold Victor Pearce, senior revenue inspector, was recently feted at a cocktail party by his colleagues on the eve of his and Mrs. Pearce's departure from the Colony after 27 years of service. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. Allen Ladd of the editorial staff of "Magazine Digest" and "UN World," passed through the Colony recently on a whirlwind six-day world tour. He is shown here at Kai Tak airfield. ("China Mail" photo)



Softballers of the recently went down to bats of Socony in the shown here after their they edged out 12 to 1.



The Colony's new badminton, doubles champions (right) line up with their trophies after they defeated H. J. Senior Men's Doubles final. ("China Mail" photo)

The victorious China soccer team, which won the International Charity Cup recently by defeating England in the final game at Sookunpoo. ("China Mail" photo)



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The Shell softball team, which recently defeated
Caltex by 14 runs to 4 in an inter-hong softball en-
counter. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



The Hong Kong Musicians, who lost to American Pre-
sident Lines by one run in an inter-hong softball encounter.
The APL squad triumphed by 12 to 11. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

The Gibb, Livingston softballers after they beat Socony
by 13 runs to 9 in an inter-hong softball game. ("Ming Yuen"
photo)



A happy group at Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson's recent party
at the Rotary Club Ball, held at the Hong Kong Hotel.
("China Mall" photo)



Softballers of Caltex Oil pose for the photographer and
manage to look cheerful after their recent defeat at the bats
of their rivals, Shell, in an inter-hong softball game.
("Ming Yuen" photo)



The Combined Christian Brothers Schools soccer team, shown before their departure for Manila. The team has since
then won all three games played in the Philippines capital. ("China Mall" photo)

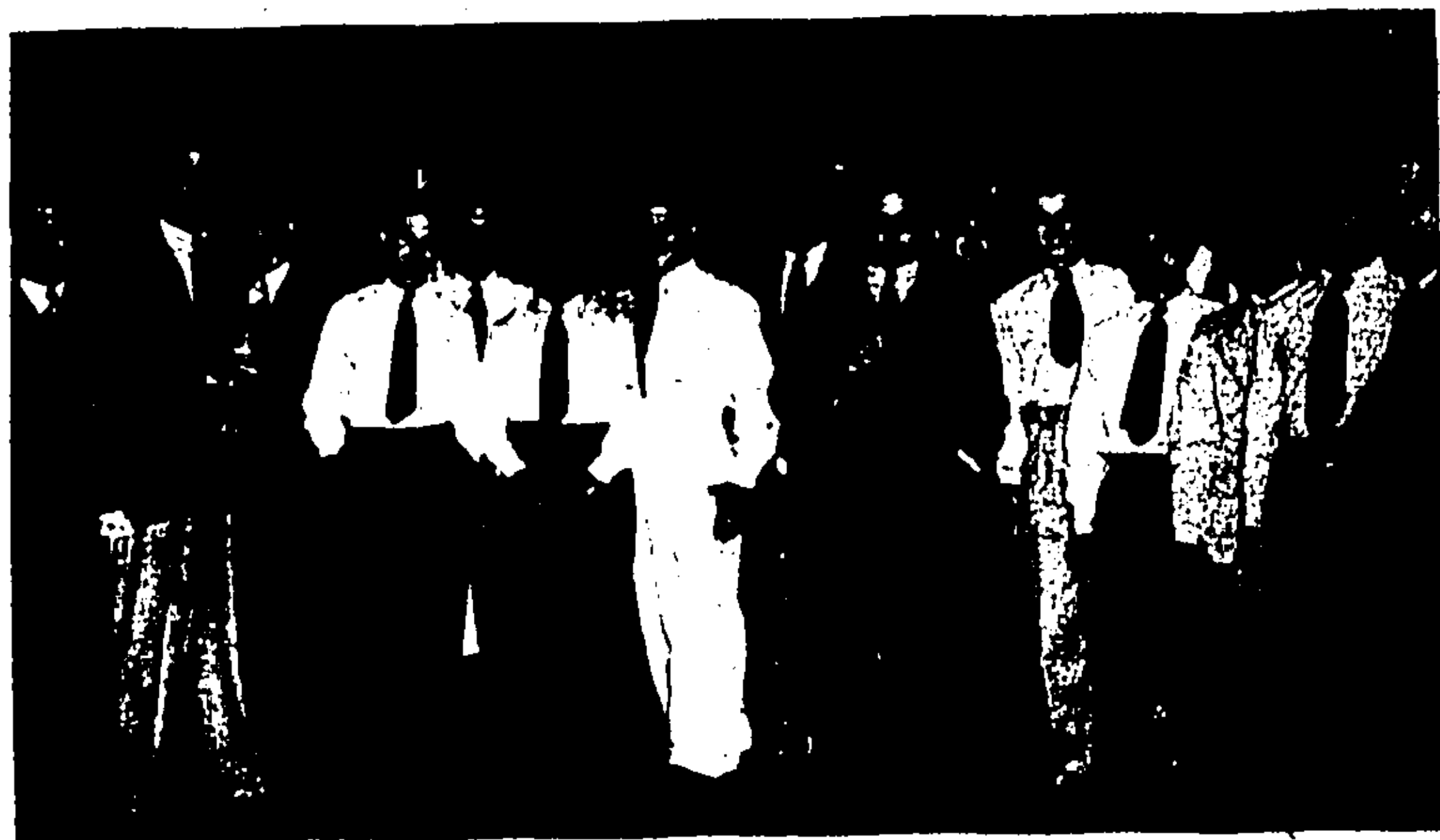


The Chinese YMCA recently held a dinner to mark the annual membership canvassing campaign. The picture shows Mr. J. C. MacDouall, social welfare officer, addressing the gathering at the Hong Kong Hotel. The Rev. Lee Kow-yan is acting as interpreter. ("China Mail" photo)

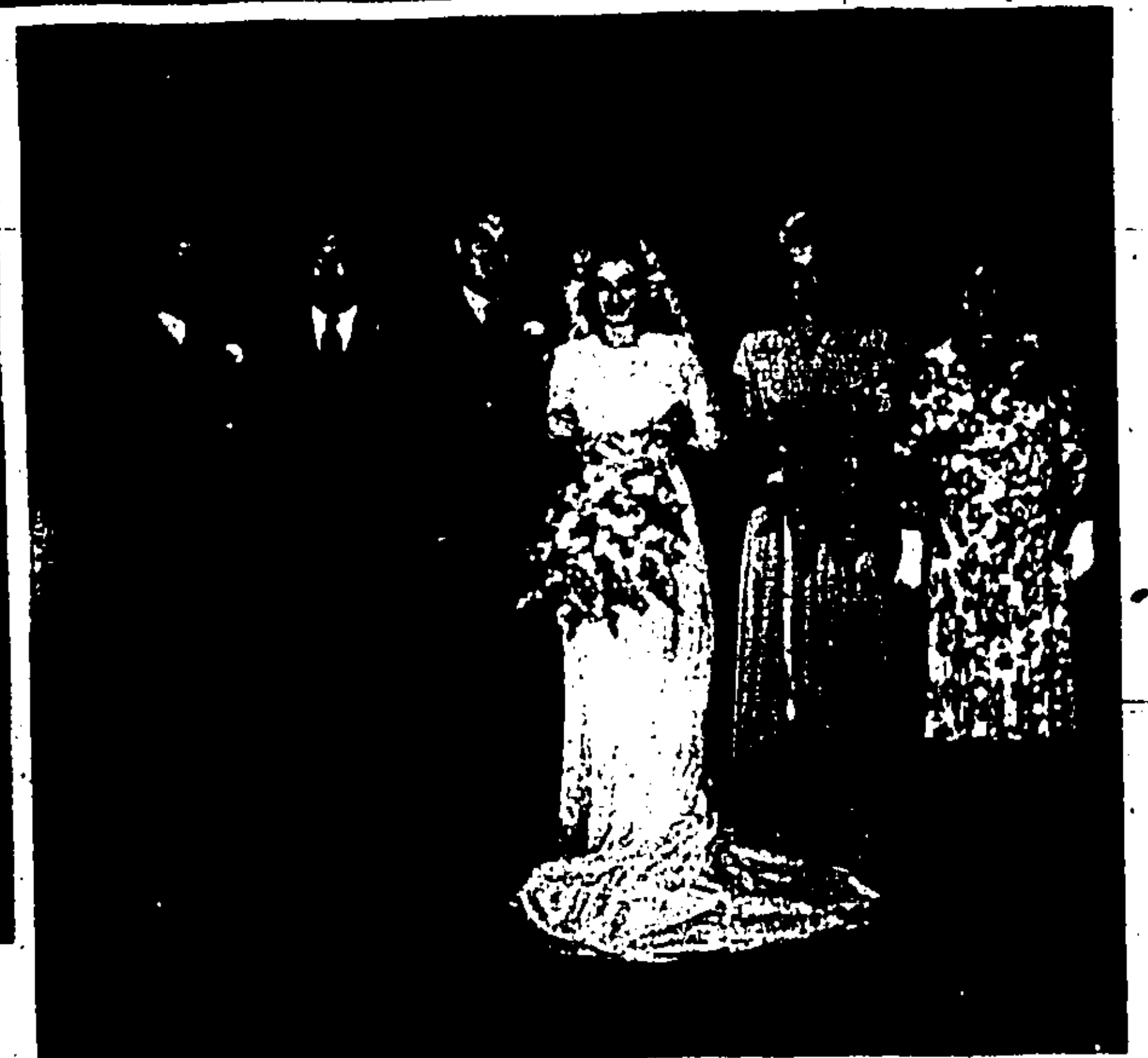
Guests who attended the reception after the wedding of Mr. T. B. Frickel to Miss M. R. Monro at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)



The Ling Fung Athletic Association, which broadcast its first musical programme over Rediffusion recently. ("Sun Kwong" photo)



The Army Singapore XI, which arrived here recently for a series of games. They were officially welcomed at a cocktail party given by the Hong Kong Football Association at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Frickel after their wedding at St. Joseph's Church. The bride is the former Miss M. R. Monro. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Guests at a recent farewell party in honour of RSM. Shepard which was given by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 28th Field Regiment, R.A. RSM Shepard saw action with the Regiment in Burma and is also the oldest member of the Regiment. ("China Mail" photo)



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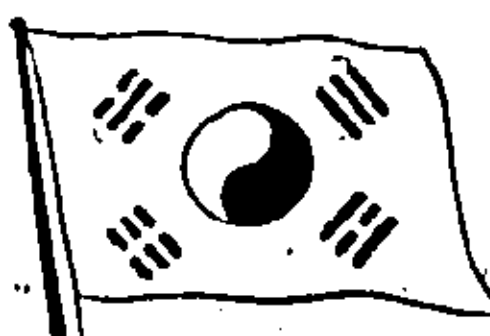
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"We will present our counter claim to the Kongmoon authorities within two days and a hearing will probably be held by this week-end there," an official of the Ming Sang Steamship Company, owner of the British river motorship, stated yesterday.

PROFITS FOR SHIPPING FIRM

The annual general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, will be held on May 23.

The net profit for the year ended December 31, amounted to £150,398. Adding the sum carried forward as at January 1, 1939, there remains a balance of £171,890 available for allocation.

Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, general managers of the company, announced yesterday that the Board of Directors have recommended the following appropriations for consideration at the meeting: Transfer to Reserve for

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SENTENCE APPEALS REFUSED BY JUDGE

Appeals against sentences imposed on three men were refused by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson at the Court of Appeal yesterday. The first appellant, Kwan Pak-pui, alias Kwan Tse-leung, 19-year-old clerk, who was sentenced to one year's hard labour on March 14 for fraud and embezzlement of U.S.\$6,970, told the court that the offence was committed on the spur of the moment. Kwan asked for a reduction of sentence.

Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who appeared for the Crown, told the Court that the offence involved a total of six travelling cheques sent from the United States to Kwan's employer. The appellant, he said, intercepted them and cashed them at the General

Post Office for about HK\$35,000.

Crown Counsel went on to say that when the appellant was arrested, a total of \$21,000 was found in his possession. Kwan had apparently \$2,000 to \$3,000 on himself and had used the balance of about \$10,000 as a deposit for the purchase of a cafe. Mr. Heenan further stated that the appellant however gave every assistance to the police after his arrest, and that the great part of the money which he misappropriated had been recovered.

In refusing the appeal, Sir Leslie Gibson told the appellant that had he come up before him, he would probably have given him more than the Magistrate did.

The next appeal made yesterday was by Chnn Sang-lung, and Wong Fung, who were respectively sentenced to 34 months and two years on February 15 for conspiracy to rob and possession of arms.

The two men denied the offences. The second appellant told the court that a newspaper parcel was passed to them by a friend and that they did not know it contained revolvers until the parcel was opened in the Police Station.

Wong further pleaded that as a result of his imprisonment, his wife and family has had to beg for a livelihood.

His appeal was refused.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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Closing Times by Sea
Japan, 9 a.m.
Hankow, Tientsin via Hobei and Danzig, 10 a.m.
Tientsin (via Canton), 5 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Hobei, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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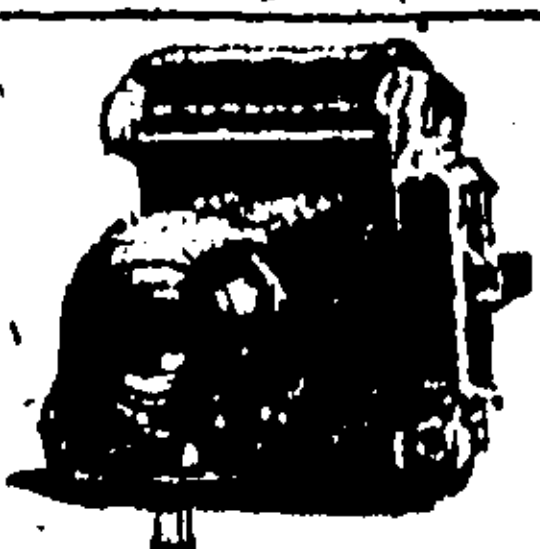
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Rough Play Seen In Manila Game

Rough house tactics featured the Interport soccer match between Hong Kong and Manila at the latter port on Sunday, April 17.

The game, which resulted in a victory for Hong Kong by five goals to one, almost ended in a free-for-all, only the timely intervention of the Hong Kong Manager, A. J. Hussain, and Manila Coach "Chito" Calvo preventing the outbreak of serious trouble.

The following is an account of the game as published in the "Manila Times" of Monday, April 18:

The visiting Hong Kong Interport XI last night triumphed easily, defeating Manila 5-1, before approximately 15,000 football fans at the Rizal Memorial Track Football Stadium.

Meanwhile, the Manila All-Student Section broke even with the last-playing Hong Kong Combined Christian Brothers' Schools aggregation 1-1 in a preliminary fixture.

Eddie Llanos, regular goalkeeper of the Manila Interport XI, was seriously hurt when he stopped Chu Wing-keung, Hong Kong's shifty centre forward, after about 30 minutes of play in the first half.

Llanos was taken out of the field in a stretcher and from there on the local team had to play the rest of the game with only 10 men, as no substitution was allowed under Interport regulations.

The visitors were ahead by 1-0 when goalie Llanos, who was injured in his successful attempt to avoid another tally, Full back Marie Hernandez took Llanos' position for the remainder of the game.

The Hong Kong-Manila Interport match proved to be a rough and tumble affair when tempers became a little frayed as both sides charged heavily in a series of skirmishes during the latter part of the game.

Coaches A. J. Hussain and Dimond "Chito" Calvo were forced to enter the field in order to avoid a free-for-all. The two mentors told their respective players to behave and the game was resumed without further incident.

Draws First Blood

After the pikings dashed up and down the field with equal tempo during the first 20 minutes of play, Chu Wing-keung, Hong Kong's centre forward, drew first blood on a short pass from team-mate Li Tai-fai, left winger. Chu Wing-keung outmanoeuvred the local backline before blasting in the first marker.

Two minutes later, Chu Wing-keung forced his way through the Manila's defence line, but goalie Llanos rushed out of his post to stop him at a few feet from the local threshold. Llanos

saved what could have been another tally for the visitors, but was unable to get on his feet as he was badly hurt.

With goalie Llanos out of the game, the Hong Kong Interporters swarmed the enemy territory and bombarded the Manila goal time and again. Greatly handicapped by the absence of its regular goal-keeper, the Manila team tried its best but collapsed against superior strength.

Chui Man-chi, inside left, tallied the second goal for the Hong Kong Interporters in the 33rd minute of play. His shot hit the crossbar and rebounded in by touching substitute goalie Hernandez' back.

With the score 2-0 in favour of the Hong Kong Interporters, Jose "Pat" Garcia, inside-left of the local XI, surprised all and sundry with a terrific 25-yard sprint after picking up a pass from team-mate Jose Esteve. The first half ended with the score at 2-1 in favour of the visitors.

HK Outplays Manila
The Hong Kong Interporters outplayed the Manila XI in the second period barely 10 seconds after resuming hostilities in the second stanza, Manuel P. Xavier, right winger, plastered in the third marker for the visitors in a whirlwind play from the centre of the field.

Two minutes later, Chu Wing-keung came back into the picture by blasting in Hong Kong's fourth tally on a corner-kick from the left wing.

With the visitors having the game in the bag with a commanding lead, 4-1, the play abruptly became rough and players from both sides engaged in a series of skirmishes which prompted Coaches Hussain and Calvo to intervene in order to avoid a free-for-all.

Chung Kam-hoi, who shifted from the centre half position to centre forward late in the game, contributed Hong Kong's fifth goal by booting in a nice pass from team-mate Andrew Mullen at only a few feet from goalie Hernandez.

Ramon Echevarria and Jose Esteve were the most outstanding players in the defence, while substitute goalie Marie Hernandez stopped several dangerous attempts from the visitors, who dominated the field after regular goalie Llanos was badly hurt.



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TODAY'S SOCCER

FIRST DIVISION
Police v. H. China (7 p.m.) (Referee: 2. Ward; Lineament: W. Gibson and H. Richardson).
Club v. Navy (7 p.m. 30.3.49); Club, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: R.M. Omar; Lineament: Sgt. Manson and P.P. Li. R.A.P. v. Kwong Wah (Postponed).

SECOND DIVISION
Duckyard v. Solicitors; Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Davey.
St. Joseph's v. Talkoo; Army, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Durney.

Alterations In HKJC's Classifications

Following are the alterations to the Classification List announced by the Hong Kong Jockey Club yesterday.

To Class 2 (Ponies of previous seasons): Anaxos, Blue Sky, Jeap Shing.

To Class 2 (Ponies of 1949): Florella.

To Class 3 (Ponies of previous seasons): Meteorologist, Seafire, Sunlight, The Chief.

To Class 3 (Ponies of 1949): Liberty Ship, Maniac, Oakland Bridge.

To Class 4 (Ponies of previous seasons): Liberation Star, The Stranger.

To Class 5 (Ponies of previous seasons): Argus, Spanish Onion.

To Class 5 (Ponies of 1949): Atomic Power, Bitter Sweet, Harmony, Silver Spear.

To Class 6 (Ponies of 1949): Double Com, Green Velvet, Jiffie, Radiator, Trigger.

To Class 7 (Ponies of previous seasons): Elmer, Kingfisher, Lightning, Miami Beauty.

To Class 7 (Ponies of 1949): Canadian Potato, Morning Sky, Sunbuck, The Hopetide, The Tiger.

To Class 8 (Ponies of previous seasons): Betty Lou, Shungila, Splinter.

To Class 8 (Ponies of 1949): Amsterdam, Strychnine.

Lawn Bowls Entries

Nine teams have entered the First Division of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls League, 10 in the Second Division and six in the Third Division.

Club de Recreio has entered four teams, Kowloon CC three teams and the Kowloon BGC most likely three.

The following are the entries.
FIRST DIVISION
Club de Recreio "A" and "B", Cruisegower CC, Kowloon BGC, Kowloon CC, Kowloon Dock Club, Radiator RC, Police RC and Hong Kong CC.

SECOND DIVISION
Club de Recreio, Cruisegower CC, Kowloon CC, Indian RC, Police RC, Kowloon Dock Club, Hong Kong FC, Filipina Club, Talkoo Club, Kowloon BGC.

THIRD DIVISION
Club de Recreio, Prison Officers Club, Hong Kong Electric RC, Kowloon CC, Hong Kong CC and Kowloon BGC (tentative).

HK Interport's Second Victory

Manila, April 19.
The Hong Kong Interport soccer team yesterday defeated the rest team of Manila, 8-1, for the second straight victory of its series here.

The contest was so one-sided that the crowd in Rizal Stadium lost interest after the first half.

Hong Kong's forwards—Kwok Ying-kee, Chau Man-chi and Manuel Xavier—played brilliantly. Kwok Ying-kee led the scoring with three goals and Chau Man-chi and Xavier each scored two. Hui Yung-tun got the other. Manuel Nieto scored Manila's only goal.—United Press.

ALL-BOSTON AFFAIR SEEN

New York, April 19.
American baseball writers predict that the 1949 World Series will be an all-Boston affair.
In an annual pre-season poll conducted by The Associated Press, the writers picked the Boston Red Sox to dole to the Cleveland Indians in the American League and the Braves to retain their National League title.—Associated Press.

HKFC VS ROYAL NAVY

The following will represent the HKFC in a First Division soccer match against Royal Navy today on the Club Ground at 5.30 p.m.

Cotton, Fowler, Strange, Weller, Forrow, Beck, Henderson, Main, Nelson, Kiernan and Bickford.

Football Heroes Return



The Combined Hong Kong Christian Schools' soccer team returned home yesterday by PAL plane from Manila. The three pennants on display here belong to three of the Philippines colleges which they defeated. ("China Mail" Photo.)

School Soccer XI Back From Manila

The victorious soccer team of the Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers' Schools returned to the Colony yesterday in high spirits after their first visit to Manila. Already they are talking about a repeat performance—at Christmas, if possible.

The schoolboy team, which was the first of its kind ever to leave Hong Kong, was accompanied by the Reverend Brother Cronan, Sports Master of St. Joseph's College, who seemed to have enjoyed the adventure as much as any of the boys themselves.

"We all had a very good time," declared Brother Cronan. "The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation offered us every facility."

The only thing about which they complained was the hot dusty atmosphere in Manila. The temperature varied from about 99 degrees Fahrenheit to 101 degrees most of the time.

Between games the visiting team was taken on whirlwind sight-seeing tours around the city and nearby resort spots.

Brother Cronan told the press that they found prices somewhat higher in Manila than in Hong Kong and thought the city itself still looked in need of much reconstruction. But there was nothing shabby about the Philippines' hospitality.

The 15 boys and Brother Cronan received a good deal of help and co-operation from the La Salle Alumni in Manila. They boarded with the Brothers during their stay there.

Felt At Home

"We were made to feel very much at home," said Brother Cronan. "And there was a real family feeling."

Although basketball is the crowd-drawing sport in the Philippines, the inter-school basketball in Manila were watched by as many as 8,000 spectators at a time.

Brother Cronan praised the fine spirit displayed throughout the games by winners and losers alike. He also expressed a wish that Hong Kong might acquire as good facilities for soccer as those in Manila.

The Hong Kong team won four of the five games played in the Philippines and drew the last one, in which they met the Combined Colleges.

The scores were as follows:
National University 7-1.
La Salle 1-0.
San Beda 4-2.

Leisure Inter-collegiate selection 1-1.
"We hope to send another team down at Christmas," Brother Cronan said. "They would like us to send a track and field team too."

Brother Cronan added that he did not believe a Hong Kong school basketball team would have a chance, since the game is so very popular and so well played in the Philippines.

Perhaps the finest tribute paid to the Hong Kong visitors was that of Joe Arcellano, sports columnist for the Manila "Evening News".

He described them as "the best type of competition which should be encouraged in coming to Manila whenever they can do so, because of the immeasurable things they can do in improving our technique in booting the ball."

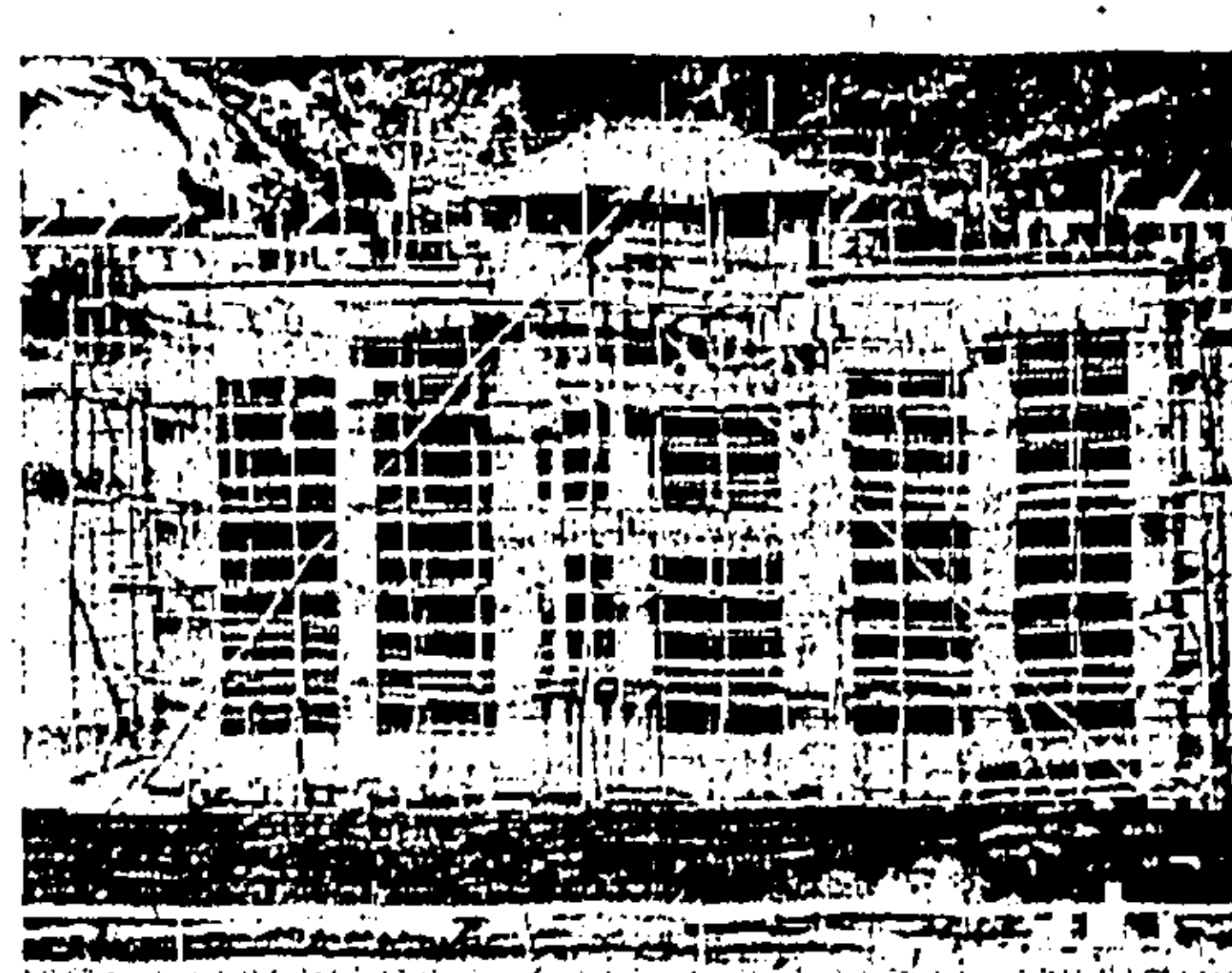
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KARIM WINS SCOTTISH TITLE

Edinburgh, April 19.
Mahmoud I Karim of Egypt won the Scottish open squash rackets, championship yesterday by beating L. W. R. Keeble of London 9-3, 9-0, 9-5 in just 40 minutes.

Karim, already holds the British open title.—Associated Press.

A New Totalisator



Still under construction which began in February, the totalisator of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, will be ready for use during the second half of the racing season.—("China Mail" Photo.)

L. Goldman Wins 36 Holes Medal

The Shanghai Visitors Cup 36 holes medal played under Handicap on Easter Sunday was won by L. Goldman with a net total of 150, the runners-up being P. Morrison, E. W. Groves and J. M. Pattinson with 151.

Other good scores were 152 by A. McKellar, the last pre-war winner, and D. S. Robb with 153.

Considering the very strong wind blowing all day at Fanling the results are very creditable.

Bogey and Medal pools were held on both courses as well during the week-end and resulted in D. Hung winning the Bogey on the Old Course returning All Square. No less than eight players had one down, D.S. Robb, K.S. Kinghorn, M.S. Douglas, S.S. Gordon, W.C. Tall, R. Denkin, E.R. Mackay and P. M. Morrison.

The Old Course Medal was won by F.C.B. Black with the remarkable net score of 64. Runner-up was D. Hung with 69 and N.J. Whelpton with 70.

The New Course Bogey was won by J.A. Redman returning All Square and the medal by L.C. Saville with a net 70.

Easter Monday afternoon saw an innovation, a match between the Ladies and Men's sections teams of 20 a-side taking part. The men proved too strong, losing only one match and halving two.

Next Sunday there will be a match between England and Scotland, starting times as below. Fourteen will be played in the afternoon. Members are reminded that tickets for the Jubilee celebration

Hockey Fixtures

QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Thursday, April 21
Civiliana v. Navy; King's Park, RNRC (1). 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: B/Cdr. Padley and F/Bgt. Connolly.

Friday, April 22
RAF v. HK Police; Kai Tak, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: R.H.P.O. Yeomans and A.M. Riva.

Khai v. YMCA; Bookings, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: G.T. Palmer and E.H.A. Miller.

INTERNATIONALS
Saturday, April 23
India v. Scotland; King's Park, RNRC (1). 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: Yee Biza Gaiet and P.P. Xavier.

Sunday, April 24
Portugal v. Pakistan; King's Park, RNRC (1). 10 a.m.; Umpires: A.E.T. Gueit and Captain Chiswick.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3306) Ext. 1171 as soon as possible. Spectators are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible after the match.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Club	W	L	D	Pts
Club de Recreio	22	10	2	46
Army	22	15	4	32
Navy	22	15	4	32
Shas	21	12	4	32
HK Police	21	8	7	34
Civil Servants	22	11	10	33
RAF	21	9	2	42
University	22	7	14	36
Dutch HG	22	6	3	38
Cable & Wireless	22	6	3	38
Dockyard RC	22	4	1	21
YMCA	20	2	17	34

The following will represent the Civiliana v. the Royal Navy in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament to be played on the Navy No. 1 ground, King's Park at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow:

Goalkeepers: G. Moss (HK Police), Backs: Nery (Dutch), Van Der Voort (Dutch HG), Halves: Leon Tre Ihs (HKU), W.A. Reed, Captain (Dutch), Ithagat Singh (Khalas).

Forwards: J. Soares (Dutch), Yusuf (HK Police), E. Fowler (CS), P. Bull (D & W), H. Xavier (D & W).

Reserves: G.S. (Army) (CS), A.M. Alves (Dutch), Kane (DRC), R. Marquis (Dutch).

Those who are unable to play are requested to communicate with Mr. A.E.P. Gueit, Tel. 21281, Ext. 57497.

Portsmouth Has Surprise Defeat

London, April 18.

A surprise defeat at Birmingham today robbed the First Division leaders, Portsmouth, of an Easter hot-trick, but did not reduce their four-point lead over Newcastle.

Birmingham beat Portsmouth 3-0 in a strenuous all-out game, watched by more than 30,000 enthusiasts. The result was a shock to thousands of fans, who have been freely acclaiming Portsmouth as Britain's greatest club since the war.

Newcastle fared little better, losing to Middlesbrough 3-2.

Only Manchester United brought any change in the top standings, leaping from fourth to third place with a smashing 3-0 victory over slowly Bolton.

The United have to share this position with Derby County, who defeated Burnley 2-0, and Manchester City, who drew 1-1 with Chelsea.

Continued hot sunshine drew heavy crowds to League games throughout the country, the highest attendance being the 48,000 who saw Arsenal beat Blackpool 2-0 in London.

The League II leaders, Southampton, also faltered, held to a goalless draw on their own ground by Grimsby.

Cardiff displaced Tottenham in the fourth position of the table by defeating Blackburn 1-0 when the Spurs managed to draw with Brentford. Otherwise, the top positions remain unchanged.

In League III South, Bournemouth pushed Bristol Rovers out of third place, beating Nottingham County 3-2. Swansea remain on top, beating Newport County 2-1, and Reading held to second place, defeating Bristol Rovers 1-0.

Hull City, by defeating Gateshead, still share the leadership of the Northern Section with Rotherham, who beat Doncaster 2-0.

The results:—
FIRST DIVISION
Arsenal 2 Blackpool 0
Birmingham 3 Portsmouth 0
Chelsea 1 Manchester C. 1
Derby 2 Burnley 0
Everton 1 Charlton 1
Huddersfield 0 Liverpool 0
Manchester U. 3 Bolton 0
Middlesbrough 3 Newcastle 2
Sheffield U. 1 Wolves 1
Stoke City 2 Preston N.E. 0

SECOND DIVISION
Barnsley 2 Lincoln 0
Bradford 1 Notts F. 2
Brentford 1 Spurs 1
Bury 3 Leeds 0
Cardiff 1 Blackburn 1
Leicester 1 West Ham 1
Luton 1 Fulham 3
Plymouth 3 Queen Park 3
Southampton 0 Grimsby 0
West Brom. 1 Coventry 0

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

Bristol C.	1	Port Vale	1
Palace	0	Torquay	1
Exeter	3	Millwall	0
Ipswich	1	Southend	1
Northampton	0	Brighton	1
Norwich	0	Aldershot	0
Notts C.	2	Bournemouth	3
Reading	1	Bristol R.	0
Swansea	2	Newport	1
Walsall	0	Leyton	1
Walsley	0	Walford	1

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

Accrington	0	Bradford	0
Carlisle	0	Hartlepool	0
Gateshead	0	Hull	2
Halifax	3	Oldham	1
Mansfield	2	Barrow	0
New Brighton	2	Crewe	0
Rochdale	2	York	0
Rotherham	2	Doncaster	0
Southport	0	Chester	0
Stockport	2	Darlington	0
Wrexham	0	Tranmere	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Celtic	2	Clyde	1
Rangers	3	Aldon Rovers	1

Inter-League Match
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Correspondence

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A Suggestion

The Sports Editor
China Mail.

Sir,—With the approaching of the Tennis League, may I suggest to the Tennis Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association to run a Junior Mixed Doubles League in the coming season for the benefit of players below the average of players like Mrs. Litton and others.

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BASKETBALL

GAME POSTPONED

Owing to rain, the Hong Kong Basketball League games were postponed to April 23. The games were to be played at Caroline Hill last night.

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